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(57) Abstract: Nucleic acid constructs containing HIV-1 gag/pol and SIV gag or SIV env genes which have been mutated to remove or reduce inhibitory/instability sequences are disclosed. Viral particles and host cells containing these constructs and/or viral particles are also disclosed. The exemplified constructs and viral particles of the invention may be useful in gene therapy for numerous disorders, including HIV infection, or as a vaccine for HIV-1 immunotherapy and immunoprophylaxis.

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MOLECULAR CLONES WITH MUTATED HIV GAG/POL, SIV GAG AND SIV ENV GENES

I. TECHNICAL FIELD

The invention relates to nucleic acids comprising mutated HIV-1 gag/pol and SIV gag gene sequences which are capable of being expressed independently of any SIV or HIV regulatory factors. The invention also relates to nucleic acids comprising a mutated SIV env gene sequence, which is capable of being expressed independently of any SIV or HIV regulatory factors. The preferred nucleic acids of the invention are capable of producing infectious viral particles.

The invention also relates to vectors, vector systems and host cells comprising the mutated HIV-1 gag, HIV-1 pol, SIV gag and/or SIV env gene sequences. The invention also relates host cells comprising these nucleic acids and/or vectors or vector systems. The invention also relates to the use of these nucleic acids, vectors, vector systems and/or host cells for use in gene therapy or as vaccines.

II. BACKGROUND

Until recently, gene therapy protocols have often relied on vectors derived from retroviruses, such as murine leukemia virus (MLV). These vectors are useful because the genes they transduce are integrated into the genome of the target cells, a desirable feature for long-term expression. However, these retroviral vectors can only transduce dividing cells, which limits their use for *in vivo* gene transfer in nonproliferating cells, such as hepatocytes, myofibers, hematopoietic stem cells, and neurons.

Lentiviruses are a type of retrovirus that can infect both dividing and nondividing cells. They have proven extremely efficient at providing long-term gene expression (for up to 6 months) in a variety of nondividing cells (such as, neurons and macrophages) in animal models. See, e.g., Amado et al., Science 285:674-676 (July 1999). It has been proposed that the optimal gene transfer

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system would include a vector based on HTV, or other lentivirus, that can integrate into the genome of nonproliferating cells. Because retroviruses integrate in the genome of the target cells, repeated transduction is unnecessary. Therefore, in contrast to an adenoviral vector capable of in vivo gene delivery, problems linked to the humoral response to injected viral antigens can be avoided. See, e.g., Naldini et al., Science, 272:263-267 (1996), p. 263.

HIV and other lentiviruses have a complex genome that, in addition to the essential structural genes (env, gag, and pol), contains regulatory (tat and rev) and accessory genes (vpr, vif, vpu, and nef). HIV has evolved to efficiently infect and express its genes in human cells, and is able to infect nondividing cells such as macrophages because its preintegration complex can traverse the intact membrane of the nucleus in the target cell. This complex contains, in addition to the viral DNA, the enzyme integrase, the product of the vpr gene, and a protein encoded by the gag gene called matrix. The matrix protein enables the preintegration complex to pass into the nucleus to access the host DNA. Lentiviruses cannot efficiently transduce truly quiescent cells (cells in the G₀ state). However, unlike murine retroviral vectors, in addition to being able to infect dividing cells, HIV-based vectors can achieve effective and sustained transduction and expression of therapeutic genes in nondividing cells, such as hematopoietic stem cells and in terminally differentiated cells such as neurons, retinal photoreceptors, muscle, and liver cells. See, e.g., Amado et al. (July 1999) and Klimatcheva et al., Frontiers in Bioscience 4:d481-496 (June 1999), and the references cited therein.

Although lentiviral vectors can be efficient gene delivery vehicles, there are safety concerns due to their origin. Therefore, the field has turned its attention to the development of vectors and production systems with built-in safety features to prevent the emergence of replication competent lentivirus (RCL). For example, in most laboratory applications, lentiviral vectors are generally created in a transient system in which a cell line is transfected with three separate constructs: a packaging construct, a transfer construct, and an envelope encoding construct. The packaging construct contains the elements necessary for vector packaging (except for env) and the enzymes required to generate vector particles. The transfer construct contains genetic cis-acting sequences necessary for the vector to infect the

target cell and for transfer of the therapeutic (or reporter) gene. The lentivirus env gene is generally deleted from the packaging construct and instead the envelope gene of a different virus is supplied in a third vector "the env-coding vector", although the lentiviruses env gene may be used if it is desired that the vector be intended to infect CD4⁺T cells. A commonly used envelope gene is that encoding the G glycoprotein of the vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV-G), which can infect a wide variey of cells and in addition confers stability to the particle and permits the vector to be concentrated to high titers (see, e.g., Naldini et al., Science 272:263-267 (1996) and Akkina et al. J. Virol. 70:2581 (1996). The use of three separate constructs and the absence of overlapping sequences between them minimizes the possibility of recombination during lentivirus (transfer) vector production. In addition, because no viral proteins are expressed by the lentiviral (transfer) vector itself, they do not trigger an effective immune response against cells expressing vector in animal models (a particular problem with vectors based on adenovirus). See, e.g., Amado et al., Science 285:674-676 (July 1999) and the references cited therein. See also Naldini et al. Science 272:263-267 (1996).

The initial packaging plasmids contained most HIV genes except for *env*. In an effort to improve safety, subsequent HIV vectors have been produced in which the packaging plasmid is devoid of all accessory genes. This process does not interfere with efficient vector production and significantly increases the safety of the system because potential RCLs lack the accessory genes necessary for efficient replication of HIV in humans. Although these vectors can transduce growth-arrested cell lines and neurons *in vivo*, they have been reported to not efficiently transduce macrophages. The accessory gene *vpr* is believed to be necessary for HIV infection of these cells using these HIV vectors. See, Zufferey et al., Nature Biotechnol. 15:871-875 (1997). In contrast, as discussed later herein, the HIV-based lentiviral vectors of the present invention do not need any HIV accessory genes in order to be able to infect human macrophages and the other cells tested.

The requirement of *vpr* or *vif* for efficient transduction of liver cells has also been reported. See, e.g., Kafri et al., Nature Genet. 17:314 (1997). These results indicate that the requirement of accessory genes for efficient lentivirus-

mediated gene transfer is dependent on the type of cell chosen as target, suggesting that future applications of lentiviral vectors may involve vector constructs with different accessory genes, as needed.

Zufferey et al., (1997) describe an HIV vector system in which the virulence genes, *env*, *vif*, *vpr*, *vpu*, and *nef* have been deleted. This multiply attenuated vector conserved the ability to transduce growth-arrested cells and monocyte-derived macrophages in culture, and could efficiently deliver genes in vivo into adult neurons. The packaging plasmids described Zufferey et al. (1997) and Naldini et al. (1996) encode Rev and Tat, in addition to Gag and Pol.

Lentiviral vectors engineered to become packaged into virions in the absence of the regulatory gene tat have also been described. See, e.g., Kim et al., J. Virol. 72:811-816 (1998) and Miyoshi et al. J. Virol. 72:8150-8157 (1998). In these vectors the *tat* gene has been removed from the packaging plasmid. Kim et al. state that tat is not necessary as long as the serial 5' LTR promoter is replaced with a strong constitutive promoter. It also has other advantages for HIV therapy. Replacement of the HIV-1 LTR with a constitutive HCMV promoter permits the use of anti-Tat molecules such as Tat transdominant mutants or Tat activation response element decoys as therapeutic agents, since they will not affect vector production. (see p. 814, col. 2). The removal of the tat gene eliminates an essential virulence factor that could contribute to a possible RCL. Kim et al. (1998) describe a vector system which does not contain tat, vif, vpr, vpu and nef. The preferred vector system includes the rev gene which, the authors state "with RRE, is required for efficient RNA handling in this system." (p. 811, col. 2). However, Kim et al. also constructed Rev independent constructs using CTE. Kim et al. state that the rev/RRE components could be removed by using a sequence such as the Mason-Pfizer monkey virus (MPMV) constitutive transport element (CTE), thereby eliminating all accessory proteins, but this leads to a significant reduction in titer.

Srinivasakumar et al., J. Virol. 71:5841-5848 (1997) describes the generation of stable HIV-1 packaging lines that constitutively express high levels of HIV-1 structural proteins in either a Rev-dependent or a Rev-independent fashion. These cell lines were used to assess gene transfer by using a HIV-1 vector expressing the hygromycin B resistance gene and to study the effects of Rev, Tat,

and Nef on the vector titer. The Rev-independent cell lines were created by using gag-pol and env expression vectors that contain the MPMV CTE. This article describes the construction of four plasmids, among others: CMV gagpol-RRE and pCMVenv, which require Rev coexpression for HIV-1 structural gene expression, and pCMV gagpol-CTE and pCMVenv-CTE, which do not. To create Rev-containing and Rev-independent packaging, cell lines, CMT3 cells were transfected with vectors expressing Gag, Gag-Pol, and Env, using a calcium phosphate transfection procedure.

By creating an HIV vector which contained the MPMV CTE (pTR167-CTE) and a packaging cell line which expressed the HIV structural proteins in a Rev-independent fashion, the authors were able to obtain a HIV vector system that functions completely without Rev. The titer of the vector obtained from this system was essentially the same as that obtained from a parallel system which contained Rev. The authors state that, in this context, the CTE seemed to substitute completely for Rev-RRE functions, similar to what was previously observed in transient-expression assays with Rev-dependent constructs. This is in contrast to situations where several rounds of HIV replication were measured. In those cases, titers from CTE-containing viruses were always reduced by at least 1 log unit compared to viruses utilizing Rev and the RRE. (See, Srinivasakumar et al., p. 5847).

The authors state that the advantages of having a HIV vector system that works in the absence of Rev opens the possibility of using it as a delivery vehicle for intracellular immunization against Rev function. Genes encoding Rev antagonists that have dramatic inhibitory effects on HIV replication, such as Rev M10 or RRE decoys, could be introduced into an HIV vector and put into cells normally infectable by HIV. Expression of the "anti-Rev" gene would be expected to dampen HIV infection. Any residual HIV replication should lead to activation of the vector LTR (by Tat) and create a vector-derived RNA that would be packaged by proteins derived from the infectious virus. In this scenario, the wild-type virus would act as a helper that may allow the spread of vector particles to previously nonimmunized cells. Because of the additional vector spread, it is likely that this type of scheme will be more effective in modulating HIV infection *in vivo* than one

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based on traditional retrovirus vectors. The authors state that they are currently testing this approach in model systems. (See, Srinivasakumar et al., p. 5847).

Another development in the quest for a safe system is the so-called self-inactivating (SIN) vector. See, e.g., Yu et al., Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 83:3194-8 (1986) and Miyoshi et al., J. Virol. 72:8150 (1998). In Yu et al., a retrovirus-derived vector SIN vector was designed for the transduction of whole genes into mammalian cells. The SIN vector of Yu et al. contains a deletion of 299 base pairs in the 3' long terminal repeat (LTR), which includes sequences encoding the enhancer and promoter functions. When viruses derived from such vectors were used to infect NIH 3T3 cells, the deletion was transferred to the 5' LTR, resulting in the transcriptional inactivation of the provirus in the infected cell. Introduction of a hybrid gene (human metallothionein-promoted c-fos) into cells via a SIN vector was not associated with rearrangements and led to the formation of an authentic mRNA transcript, which in some cases was induced by cadmium. The vector described in Miyoshi et al. also contains a deletion the 3' (downstream) LTR. A sequence within the upstream LTR serves as a promoter under which the viral genome is expressed. The deletion introduced in the downstream LTR is transferred to the upstream LTR during reverse transcription. This deletion inactivates the LTR promoter and eliminates the production of vector RNA. The gene (or genes) to be transferred (e.g., a reporter or therapeutic gene) is expressed from an exogenous viral or cellular promoter that is inserted into the lentivirus vector. An important safety feature of SIN vectors is that inactivation of the promoter activity of the LTR reduces the possibility of insertional mutagenesis (of the transfer vector) into the host genome. In addition, because the expression of the (transfer) vector RNA is eliminated, the potential for RCL production in the target cell is further minimized. SIN vectors should be particularly useful in gene transfer experiments designed to study the regulated expression of genes in mammalian cells. Absence of enhancer and promoter sequences in both LTRs of the integrated provirus should also minimize the possibility of activating cellular oncogenes and may provide a safer alternative to be used in human gene therapy. Other modifications to enhance safety and specificity include the use of specific internal promoters that regulate gene expression, either temporally or with tissue or cell specificity.

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Other strategies to improve safety in human studies would be to use nonhuman lentiviruses such as simian immunodeficiency virus, bovine immunodeficiency virus, or equine infectious anemia virus. Of these, vectors derived from the feline immunodeficiency virus have been engineered to efficiently transduce nondividing human cells. See, e.g., Poeschla et al., Nature Med. 4:354-357 (1998) and WO 99/15641. In addition, White et al., J. Virol. 73:2832-2840 (April 1999) described lentiviral vectors using human and simian immunodeficient virus elements in attempt to improve safety by reducing the likelihood of recombination between packaging constructs and transfer constructs.

The development of efficient packaging lines has proven challenging because expression of the VSV-G envelope and a number of HIV proteins is toxic to cells. Recently, a producer line has been designed in which the expression of packaging genes and VSV-G, and therefore the production of vector, can be turned on at will. Kafri et al., J. Virol. 73-576-584 (1999). The cell line can be expanded for scale-up vector production when the expression of toxic genes is turned off. This cell line produces high titer vector without generating RCL. Hematopoietic stem cells transduced with an HIV vector were transplanted into rhesus macaques as described by Donahue et al. Blood 92 (suppl. 1), abstract 4648.5 (1998) with at least a 14-month follow-up. At that time the procedure proved to be safe; all animals in the study have remained healthy without evidence of circulating HIV or vector. See, Amado et al., Science 285:674-676 (July 1999).

Many gene therapy protocols have been designed to correct a number of inherited metabolic, infectious, or malignant diseases using the hematopoietic stem cell. This cell has the capacity to self-renew and to differentiate into all of the mature cells of the blood and immune systems. Many diseases that affect these systems could potentially be treated by the stable introduction of therapeutic genes into stem cells. Recently, lentiviral vectors were shown to bypass the need for *ex vivo* stem cell stimulation (which is necessary when using murine retroviral vectors), by mediating efficient gene transfer into very primitive human stem cells that contributed to stable, long-term reconstitution of SCID mouse bone marrow with many hematopoietic lineages. See, e.g., Miyoshi et al., Science 283:682 (1999). Similarly, in a rhesus macaque model of autologous transplantation with

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lentivirus-transduced stem cells, multilineage gene expression was found, suggesting transduction of an early blood cell progenitor under conditions of minimal stem cell stimulation, ordinarily insufficient for transduction with murine retroviruses. See, Donahue et al., Blood 92 (suppl. 1), abstract 4648.5 (1999) and Amado et al., Science 285:674-676 (July 1999).

In HIV infection, another advantage of lentiviral vectors designed against HIV is their potential to be mobilized by HIV in the infected patient, because the virus supplies all of the necessary elements for packaging of the vector. If these mobilized vectors contained the HIV envelope, they could efficiently transfer their genes (for example, genes custom-designed to confer resistance against HIV) into CD4⁺ T cells, protecting them from subsequent HIV infection. Lentiviral vectors can also be designed to efficiently express their genes only in CD4⁺ T cells that are infected with HIV (so called *tat*-inducible vectors). In these vectors, all HIV genes, including tat and rev, are ablated; cis-acting sequences required for integration, expression, and packaging are retained, and expression is dependent on the activity of the HIV LTR (which requires transactivation by Tat). It has been shown that in this system, vector expression is induced efficiently upon HIV infection. Moreover, in the absence of genes that confer resistance against HIV, stable integration of this vector in permissive cell lines resulted in inhibition of HIV replication. Although the mechanism of HIV inhibition has not been completely elucidated, preliminary results suggest that this vector competes with HIV at the level of reverse transcription. See, An et al., J. Virol., in press, and Amado et al., Science 285:674-676 (1999).

A number of other potential medical applications, where the modification of the genetic material of quiescent cells could result in the prevention or reversal of a disease process, are beginning to be explored. For example, the finding that lentiviral vectors can mediate stable and long-term gene transfer by direct injection of vector into the rat and mouse retina has lent support to the notion of gene therapy for the treatment of retinitis pigmentosa. This degenerative disease of the retina is characterized by photoreceptor cell death, resulting in a slow progression to blindness. Mutations in the cGMP phosphodiesterase β subunit (PDE β) gene of rod photoreceptors lead to an autosomal recessive form of retinitis

pigmentosa in humans, and in the rd mouse model of the disease. Previous studies have shown that adenovirus and adeno-associated virus-mediated PDEP subretinal gene transfer results in a delay in photoreceptor cell death. Using the rd mouse model, a recent study demonstrated that photoreceptors could be rescued in up to 50% of eyes injected with a lentivirus vector containing the murine PDE β gene. In contrast with the short-term expression previously obtained with adenovirus vectors, PDE β expression in this study persisted for at least 24 weeks. This finding points to the potential success of gene therapy in a disease that currently lacks effective treatment. See, Takahashi et al., J. Virol., 73:7812-7816 (Sept. 1999) and Amado et al. Science, 285:674-676 (1999).

In nature, the expression of *gag*, *pol*, and *env* of HIV-1 depends on the presence of the viral Rev protein. This dependence is, at least in part, due to the presence of negatively acting sequences (inhibitory or instability elements [INS]) located within unspliced and partially spliced mRNAs. The positive interaction of Rev with the Rev-responsive element [RRE] in these mRNAs counteracts the negative effects of the inhibitory sequences.

None of the above references teach or suggest that the *gag* and/or *pol* genes described therein may be replaced with the *gag* and/or *pol* genes in which the inhibitory/instability have been mutated to render their expression Rev-idependent. Furthermore, there is no disclosure of the specific HIV-1 *gag/pol* or SIV *gag* mutated genes described herein.

The *gag/pol* clone of the invention was made using the method for eliminating inhibitory/instability regions from a gene as first described in U.S. patent application Serial No. 07/858,747, filed March 27, 1992 (which issued as US Patent No. 6,174,666) entitled "Method of Eliminating Inhibitory/Instability Regions from mRNA" and later described in a Continuation-in-Part ("CIP") application, filed as PCT application PCT/US93/02908 on March 29, 1993 and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,972,596 and 5,965,726. The disclosure of the CIP application was published as International Publication No. WO 93/20212 on October 14, 1993. (The disclosures of these patents and patent applications are specifically incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.) The method was also described in Schwartz et al., J. Virol. 66:7176-7182 (1992).

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Schneider et al., J. Virol. 71:4892-4903 (1997), extend the work described in the patent applications and in Schwartz et al. by identifying and characterizing additional INS within *gag*, *protease* and *pol* genes and mutating them in a similar manner. Schneider et al. disclose nucleic acid constructs which contain completely mutated HIV-1 *gag* genes, but only partially mutated HIV-1 *pol* genes.

Schneider et al. demonstrate that expression vectors containing an intact or nearly intact p55^{gag} region allow the production of immature viral particles in mammalian cells in the absence of any other HIV proteins. The introduction of additional mutations in the *protease* region allowed efficient production of Gag/protease, which resulted in processing of the Pr55^{gag} precursor and production of mature Gag particles with a lentivirus-like conical-core structure.

Schneider et al. disclose that Rev-independent expression vectors allow the efficient expression of Gag proteins in many cell lines that are not able to support efficient Rev-RRE-dependent rescue of these RNAs. Schneider et al. also disclose that gag/pol expression vectors may be important for vaccination approaches against HIV-1, since the gag/pol region is more conserved than is the env region and may be important for an effective immune response against HIV and for protection against infection. They also state that efficient HIV gene expression in many cells is also of interest for possible gene transfer experiments using lentiviral vectors in nondividing or slowly dividing cells, since HIV and the other lentiviruses are able to infect quiescent cells.

Pavlakis et al., Natl Conf Hum Retroviruses Relat Infect (2nd). (1995), 91, state that Rev-independent Gag expression vectors were able to produce viral particles in human and mouse cells in the absence of any other HIV proteins, and that additional mutations in the *pol* region allowed the expression of the protease and the processing of the p55 gag precursor. Direct DNA injection of TAT and Rev independent Gag expression vectors in mouse muscle resulted in Gag expression detected by ELISA and in anti-gag antibody response. Several Rev-and Tat- independent Gag expression cassettes were inserted into retroviral vectors and cell lines expressing Gag or Gag fragments that are dominant negative inhibitors of HIV-1 were constructed.

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Shiver et al. (1996) describe the results of DNA vaccination of mice and non-human primates with mutated plasmid DNA encoding either mutated genes encoding HIV-1 gag (p55 gag) or env (gp120 or gp160). Both gag and env vaccine recipients exhibited antigen-specific cytotoxic and helper T lymphocyte (CTL, Th) responses. The results are stated to demonstrate that DNA vaccines elicited long-lived T cell responses in both mice and nonhuman primates that were disseminated throughout the lymphatics.

III. SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to nucleic acids comprising the nucleic acid sequence of the mutated HIV-1 gag/pol gene shown in Figure 1 (SEQUENCE ID NO:1) and vectors and vector systems comprising these nucleic acids.

The invention also relates to nucleic acids comprising the nucleic acid sequence of the mutated SIV gag gene shown in Figure 3 and vectors and vector systems comprising these nucleic acids.

The invention also relates to nucleic acids comprising the mutated SIV *env* gene shown in Figure 17 and vectors and vector systems comprising these nucleic acids.

The invention also relates to produced by the nucleic acids, e.g., mRNA, protein, and infectious viral particles.

The invention also relates to compositions comprising these nucleic acids and/or their expression products.

The invention also relates to host cells comprising these nucleic acids, vector systems or viral particles.

The invention also relates to uses of these nucleic acids, vector systems, host cells, expression products, and/or compositions to produce mRNA, proteins, and/or infectious viral particles, and/or to induce antibodies and/or cytotoxic or helper T lymphocytes.

The invention also relates to the use of these nucleic acid constructs, vectors, vector systems and or host cells for use in immunotherapy and immunoprophylaxis, e.g., as a vaccine, or in genetic therapy after expression, preferably in humans. The nucleic acid constructs of the invention can include or be

incorporated into lentiviral vectors or other expression vectors or they may also be directly injected into tissue cells resulting in efficient expression of the encoded protein or protein fragment. These constructs may also be used for *in-vivo* or *in-vitro* gene replacement, e.g., by homologous recombination with a target gene insitu.

IV. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- Fig. 1. DNA sequence of a mutated HIV-1 *gag/pol* molecular clone (SEQUENCE ID NO:1). The gagpol terminator is located at positions 4305-4307 of SEQUENCE ID NO:1.
- Fig. 2. Comparison of the sequence of the wild –type and mutated *pol* region in pCMVgagpolBNkan. Position #1 in the figure is position 2641 in plasmid pCMVgagpolBNkan. The comparison starts at position 1872 from the gag initiator ATG.
- Fig. 3. DNA sequence of a mutated SIV gag molecular clone (SIVgagDX).
- Fig. 4. Comparison of the mutated SIV gag DNA sequence in SIVgagDX with the wild type SIV sequence from Simian (macaque) immunodeficiency virus isolate 239, clone lambda siv 239-1 (GenBank accession No. M33262).
- Fig. 5. Schematic diagram of some components of sample versions of a lentiviral system. BGH poly (A): bovine growth hormone poly (A) signal; MSD: mutated splice donor site; ψ : encapsidation signal; SD, splice donor site; SA, splice acceptor site; "X" indicates that the ATG codon of the partial gag gene sequence is mutated so that translation of this gene does not occur.
- Fig. 6. Schematic diagram of the packaging construct pCMVgagpolBNkan.
- Fig. 7. Schematic diagram of transfer construct 1: pmBCwCNluci. The packaging signal, the CMV promoter and the coding region for the luciferase gene are flanked by the 5' and 3 HIV-1 LTRs, which provide promoter and polyadenylation signals, as indicated by the arrows. Three consecutive arrows indicate the U5, R, and U3 regions of the LTR, respectively. The transcribed

portions of the LTRs are shown in black. Some restriction endonuclease cleavage sites are also indicated.

Fig. 8. Schematic diagram of transfer construct 1: pmBCmCNluci. Symbols are as above.

- Fig. 9. DNA sequence of packaging construct pCMVgagpolBNkan.
- Fig. 10. DNA sequence of transfer construct 1: pmBCwCNluci.
- Fig. 11. DNA sequence of transfer construct 1: pmBCmCNluci.

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- Fig. 12. Nucleotide sequence of the region BssHII (711) to ClaI (830) in wild-type HIV-1 molecular clones HXB2 and NL4-3, and in the transfer constructs. The translation initiator signal for Gag protein (ATG) is underlined. pmBCwCNluci and pmBCmCNluci (transfer constructs 1 and 2) contain the sequence mBCwCN. Transfer construct 3 contains the sequence m2BCwCN. In contrast to the sequence mBCwCN, m2BCwCN has different mutations at the 5' splice site region and has an intact Gag ATG.
- Fig. 13. Bar graph showing levels of gag protein that is released from cells upon transient transfection with pCMVgagpolBNkan (labeled pCMVBNKan in the figure).
- Fig. 14. Bar graph showing reverse transcriptase activity from the Rev-independent gag-pol HIV-1 vector pCMVgagpolBNkan (labeled pCMVBNKan in the figure).
- Fig. 15. Bar graphs showing the amount of luciferase per nanogram of p24 Gag protein detected in cells transducted with PCMVgagpolBNkan Revindependent gag-HIV-1 based retroviral vectors. The results show that with PCMVgagpolBNkan Rev-independent gag-HIV-1 based retroviral vectors display high transduction efficiency in (A) 293 cells, (B) human lymphoid cells, (C) human myeloid cells (U937), as well as (D) non-dividing cells such as primary human macrophages.
- Fig. 16. Schematic diagram of the SIV envelope encoding vector CMVkan/R-R-SIVgp160CTE.
- Fig. 17. DNA sequence of the SIV envelope encoding vector CMVkan/R-R-SIVgp160CTE containing a mutated SIV env gene.

V. MODES FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

It is to be understood that both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description are exemplary and explanatory only, and are not restrictive of the invention, as claimed. The accompanying drawings, which are incorporated in and constitute a part of the specification, illustrate an embodiment of the invention and, together with the description, serve to explain the principles of the invention.

One aspect of the invention comprises vectors that encode the Gag and/or Pol of HIV-1 in a Rev-independent manner. An example of such a vector which is described herein is the plasmid pCMVgagpolBNkan, which encodes the complete Gag and Pol of HIV-1 in a Rev-independent manner, and also contains a gene conferring kanamycin resistance. This plasmid is Tat and Rev-independent and was generated by eliminating the inhibitory/instability sequences present in the gag/pol mRNA without altering the amino acid sequence of the proteins coded by the genes.

The gag/pol clone of the invention is a DNA construct of the gag/pol region of HIV which has had the inhibitory/instability regions removed. The construct is expected to be useful as a component a new type of lentivirus vector for use in gene therapy or as a vaccine.

The gag, pol or gag/pol sequences of the invention can be highly expressed in human and other mammalian cells in the absence of any other regulatory and structural protein of HIV, including Rev. When the gag/pol sequences are combined with a sequence encoding an envelope protein, such as the VSV G protein or the HIV envelope protein (e.g., in the same vector or in another expression vector), infectious virus is produced after transfection into human cells. When a gene encoding a non-HIV envelope protein is used, for example, in the presence of the HIV gag/pol gene, the virus particles produced would contains only the HIV proteins Gag and Pol.

Lentiviral vectors or vector systems based on the *gag*, *pol* or *gag/pol* sequences of this invention, as exemplified by the Rev-independent pCMVgagpol BNkan construct described herein, may be used for gene therapy *in vivo* (e.g., parenteral inoculation of high titer vector) or *ex vivo* (e.g., *in vitro* transduction of

patient's cells followed by reinfusion into the patient of the transduced cells). These procedures are been already used in different approved gene therapy protocols.

The HIV gag/pol clone and SIV gag clone of the invention were made using the method for eliminating inhibitory/instability regions from a gene as described in U.S. Patent No. 6,174,666, and also in related U.S. Patent Nos. 5,972,596 and 5,965,726, which are incorporated by reference herein. This method does not require the identification of the exact location or knowledge of the mechanism of function of the INS. Generally, the mutations are such that the amino acid sequence encoded by the mRNA is unchanged, although conservative and nonconservative amino acid substitutions are also envisioned where the protein encoded by the mutated gene is substantially similar to the protein encoded by the nonmutated gene. The mutated genes can be synthetic (e.g., synthesized by chemical synthesis), semi-synthetic (e.g., a combination of genomic DNA, cDNA, or PCR amplified DNA and synthetic DNA), or recombinantly produced. The genes also may optionally not contain introns. The nucleic acids of the invention may also contain Rev-independent fragments of these genes which retain the desired function (e.g., for antigenicity of Gag or Pol, particle formation (Gag) or enzymatic activity (Pol)), or they may also contain Rev-independent variants which have been mutated so that the encoded protein loses a function that is unwanted in certain circumstances. In the latter case, for example, the gene may be modified to encode mutations (at the amino acid level) in the active site of reverse transcriptase or integrase proteins to prevent reverse transcription or integration. Rev-independent fragments of the gag gene are described in U.S. patent application Serial No. 07/858,747, filed March 27, 1992, and also in related U.S. Patent Nos. 5,972,596 and 5,965,726, which are incorporated by reference herein. If desired, the ATG initiation codon of any HIV accessory gene (e.g., vif), if present, may also be mutated.

In addition to being capable of producing HIV Gag and Pol proteins in the absence of Rev regulatory protein in a cell <u>in vivo</u>, the HIV *gag/pol* clone and SIV *gag* clone of the invention are also capable of producing HIV Gag and Pol proteins in the absence of any added cis acting transport element, such as CTE or CTE-like elements (collectively referred herein as RNA Transport Elements (RTE)).

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Experiments indicate that the mutated vectors of the invention for SIV gag are far superior to those adding CTE (see Qiu et al., J Virol. 73:9145-52 (1999)).

The expression of the proteins encoded by these vectors after transfection into human cells may be monitored at both the level of RNA and protein production. RNA levels are quantitated by methods known in the art, e.g., Northern blots, S1 mapping or PCR methods. Protein levels may also be quantitated by methods known in the art, e.g., western blot or ELISA or fluorescent detection methods. A fast non-radioactive ELISA protocol can be used to detect gag protein (DUPONT or COULTER gag antigen capture assay).

At least three types of lentiviral vectors based on the *gag/pol* genes of the invention for use in gene therapy and/or as a vaccine are envisioned, i.e., lentiviral vectors having

- a) no round of replication (i.e., a zero replication system)
- b) one round of replication
- c) a fully replicating system

For a system with no round of replication, a gag/pol gene, or separate gag and pol genes, or fragments of these genes, expressed using appropriate transcription units, e.g., a CMV promoter and a BGH poly (A) site. This will allow expression of the gag/pol unit (or gag or pol or fragment(s) thereof) for vaccine purposes. This expression can be accomplished without the production of any functional retroviral enzymes, provided that the appropriate mutation(s), e.g., a missense mutation, are introduced. In a zero replication system, a virus stock will be administered to the cells or animals of interest. For example, if one creates and uses a virus stock with the exemplified system using the packaging vector PCMVgagpolBNKan, the transfer construct pmBCwCNluci or pmBCmCNluci, and the envelope containing vector pHCMV-G, one obtains a zero replication system. The virus particles produced by such system can infect cells, and the reverse transcribed transfer construct DNA will go into the nucleus but, because the coding regions for viral structural proteins are not present, there will be no virus expression and replication (0 rounds). If one transfects cells in vivo with the same 3 DNAs, they will go to the nucleus, express viral proteins, make infectious virus particles and go out and infect another cell or cells (1 round). Since in vivo delivery of three

plasmids may result in lower expression, at least two different embodiments are envisioned. In the first, two plasmids may be used, e.g., MV1 shown in Fig. 5 and an envelope expression plasmid such as pHCMV-G. Other plasmids encoding functional envelopes from HIV, SIV, or other retroviruses can also be used. Transfection by the two plasmids results in infectious virus that can infect and integrate into new cells (1 round). The infected cells produce gagpol but virus propagation is not possible in the absence of env.

For a system with one round of replication, at least two additional embodiments are envisioned. In the first method, a combination of the genes, e.g., a gag/pol gene, an env encoding gene and, preferably, a gene encoding a reporter protein or other polynucleotide or protein of interest, are delivered into the cells of interest in vivo. As discussed above for the exemplified system, if one transfects cells in vivo with the same 3 DNAs, they will go to the nucleus, express viral proteins, make infectious virus particles, be released and infect another cell or cells (1 round).

In another embodiment, the same result (i.e., only one round of replication) can be obtained by using transfer vectors that have deletions in the 3' LTR and in which a heterologous-promoter (e.g., the CMV-promoter, or inducible promoter, or tissue-specific promoter), is used in place of the '3'LTR promoter. The mutations in the 3'LTR making it inactive upon reverse transcription and integration. This is because the integrated provirus derives both its 5' LTR and its 3' LTR from the 3' LTR of the starting (transfer) construct. (This is a well-known property of all retroviruses and has been used to make self-inactivating vectors (SIN)). There are several reasons one may want to inactivate the incoming LTR promoter, one of which is to use a different tissue specific or regulated promoter for expression of a gene of interest in the integrated provirus. Note that, with SIN vectors, if one uses a viral stock made in vitro after transfection into cells and collection of infectious virus, there will be no round of replication. If one transfects cells with the DNAs in vivo, there will be one round of replication. If functional gag, pol, or env are not included in the DNA mix, there will not be any infection at all (i.e., infectious viruses will not be made).

A fully replicating Rev-independent system has not been constructed yet, although it is expected that a functional system can be constructed using Revindependent gag/pol and env sequences. If desired, extra posttranscriptional control elements such as the CTE element, which can replace Rev and give infectious virus (see e.g., Zolotukhin et al., J. Virol. 68:944-7952 (1994)) are included. The fully replicating system should be in one piece, containing the LTR, packaging signal, gag/pol, splice site, env, tat, one or more CTE or CTE-like elements (if desired for optimal results), and LTR. Tat is thought to be required in this construct, at least in non-permissive cells. Such a system is depicted in Figure 5, (construct MV2). In this system, a cell or animal of interest (preferably human) would be infected with virus stock that then propagates. CTE or CTE-like elements (depicted in construct MV2 as RTE (RNA Transport Elements)) are desirable since they have been shown to improve expression, and since many retroviruses require the presence of posttranscriptional control elements. There are several types of CTE and CTE-like elements, and these elements appear to work via a different pathway from the Rev-RRE pathway. See, e.g., Tabernero et al., J Virol. 71:95-101 (1997). See also, Pavlakis and Nappi, PCT/US99/11082, filed May 22, 1999, published as WO 99/61596 on December 2, 1999 (and incorporated herein by reference), which describes a new type of post-transcriptional control element that is able to replace CTE and HIV RRE/Rev. The Pavlakis-Nappi element does not work in the same way as CTE and does not have any sequence or structure homology.

In a preferred embodiment, a lentiviral system of the invention comprises the following three components:

 a packaging vector containing nucleic acid sequences encoding the elements necessary for vector packaging such as structural proteins (except for HIV env) and the enzymes required to generate vector particles, the packaging vector comprising at least a mutated HIV or SIV gag/pol gene of the invention; WO 02/099101

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2. a transfer vector containing genetic cis-acting sequences necessary for the vector to infect the target cell and for transfer of the therapeutic or reporter or other gene(s) of interest, the transfer vector comprising the encapsidation signal and the gene(s) of interest or a cloning site for inserting the gene(s) of interest;

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and

3. a vector containing sequences encoding an element necessary for targeting the viral particle to the intended recipient cell, preferably the gene encoding the G glycoprotein of the vesicular stomatis virus (VSV-G) or amphotrophic MuLV or lentiviral *envs*.

Using the CMV promoter or other strong, high efficiency, promoter instead of the HIV-1 LTR promoter in the packaging vector, high expression of *gag*, *pol*, or *gag/pol* can be achieved in the total absence of any other viral protein. The exchange of the HIV-1 LTR promoter with other promoters is beneficial in the packaging vector or other vectors if constitutive expression is desirable and also for expression in other mammalian cells, such as mouse cells, in which the HIV-1 promoter is weak. Vectors containing the sequences of the invention can be used for the Rev independent production of HIV-1 Gag/Pol, HIV-1 Gag, HIV-1 Pol, and SIV Gag proteins. In certain embodiments, the presence of heterologous promoters will also be desired in the transfer vector and the envelope encoding vector, when such vectors are used.

The gene(s) of interest are chosen according to the effect sought to be achieved. For gene therapy purposes there will be at least one therapeutic gene encoding a gene product which is active against the condition it is desired to treat or prevent. Alternatively or additionally, there may be a gene which acts as a marker by encoding a detectable product. Therapeutic genes may encode, for example, an anti-sense RNA, a ribozyme, a transdominant negative mutant of a target protein, a toxin, a conditional toxin, an antigen that induces antibodies or helper T-cells or cytotoxic T-cells, a single chain antibody or a tumor suppresser protein. See, e.g., WO 98/17816.

An even more extensive list of genes of interest for use in lentiviral vectors is described, e.g., in WO 99/04026 on page 10, line 20 to page 12, line 7. Table 2 of Klimatcheva et al. (1999) also provides a list of disorders and target cells for gene therapy, as well as a number of lentiviral vectors used by others. This list includes genetic/metabolic deficiencies, viral infection and cancer. Inherited genetic defects such as adenosine deaminase deficiency, familial hypercholesterolemia, cystic fibrosis, mucopolysaccharidosis type VII, types I and II diabetes, classical phenylketonuria and Gaucher disease are diseases which are listed as being possible to overcome by lentiviral vector-mediated gene therapy because they constitute single-gene deficiencies for which the involved genes are known. Viral diseases are also listed as constituting appropriate targets for lentiviral gene delivery. In particular, a number of gene therapy approaches have been proposed for the treatment of HIV infection and, for some of these strategies, phase I studies have recently begun in humans. The article states that preliminary studies have dealt with defective murine oncoviruses for delivery of anti-sense RNAs, ribozymes and trans-dominant proteins against HIV replication.

In any of the vectors, but preferably in the transfer vector, an inserted gene could have an internal ribosomal entry site (IRES), e.g., from picornaviral RNA. An IRES will be used in circumstances that one wants to express two proteins from the same promoter. For example one protein of interest and a marker gene, e.g., green fluorescent protein (GFP) or a marker gene and a drug resistance gene (e.g. the firefly luciferase gene and neomycin phosphotransferase gene) as described on p. 58 of WO 99/04026, for example. Using an IRES the expression of the two proteins is coordinated. A further gene or genes may also be present under the control of a separate promoter. Such a gene may encode for example a selectable marker, or a further therapeutic agent which may be among the therapeutic agents listed above. Expression of this gene may be constitutive; in the case of a selectable marker this may be useful for selecting successfully transfected packaging cells, or packaging cells which are producing particularly high titers of the retroviral vector particles. Alternatively or additionally, the selectable marker may be useful for selecting cells which have been successfully infected with the lentiviral vector and have the provirus integrated into their own genome.

One way of performing gene therapy is to extract cells from a patient, infect the extracted cells with a lentiviral vector and reintroduce the cells back into the patient. A selectable marker may be used to provide a means for enriching for infected or transduced cells or positively selecting for only those cells which have been infected or transduced, before reintroducing the cells into the patient. This procedure may increase the chances of success of the therapy. Selectable markers may be for instance drug resistance genes, metabolic enzyme genes, or any other selectable markers known in the art. Typical selection genes encode proteins that confer resistance to antibiotics and other toxic substances, e.g., histidinol, puromycin, hygromycin, neomycin, methotrexate etc. and cell surface markers.

However, it will be evident that for many gene therapy applications of lentiviral vectors, selection for expression of a marker gene may not be possible or necessary. Indeed expression of a selection marker, while convenient for *in vitro* studies, could be deleterious *in vivo* because of the inappropriate induction of cytotoxic T lymphocytes (CTLs) directed against the foreign marker protein. Also, it is possible that for *in vivo* applications, vectors without any internal promoters will be preferable. The presence of internal promoters can affect for example the transduction titres obtainable from a packaging cell line and the stability of the integrated vector. Thus, single transcription unit vectors, which may be bi-cistronic or poly-cistronic, coding for one or two or more therapeutic genes, may be the preferred vector designed for use *in vivo*. See, e.g., WO 98/17816.

Suitable host or producer cells for use in the invention are well known in the art. May lentiviruses have already been split into replication defective genomes and packaging components. For those which have not the technology is available for doing so. The producer cell encodes the viral components not encoded by the vector genome such as the Gag, Pol and Env proteins. The gag, pol and env genes may be introduced into the producer cell transiently, or may be stably integrated into the cell genome to give a packaging cell line. The lentiviral vector genome is then introduced into the packaging cell line by transfection or transduction to create a stable cell line that has all of the DNA sequences required to produce a lentiviral vector particle. Another approach is to introduce the different

DNA sequences that are required to produce lentiviral vector particle, e.g., the *env* coding constrict, the *gag-pol* coding construct and the transfer construct into the cell simultaneously by transient triple transfection.

Target cells identified by Klimatcheva et al. (1999), and the references cited therein, include airway epithelial cells for cystic fibrosis; retinal photoreceptor cells for retinitis pigmentosa; progenitors for red blood cells, macrophages, and lymphocytes for hematopoietic disorders, sickle cell anemia, ß-thalassemia, lysosomal storage disorders, mucopolysaccharidoses, and severe combined immunodeficiency syndrome; bone marrow cells and macrophages for Gaucher's disease; liver cells for familial hypercholesterolaemia; T-lymphocytes and macrophages for HIV infection; brain tissue, neurons, and glial cells for neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases; endothelial cells and cardiac myocytes for cardiovascular diseases; and cancer cells in various tissues (e.g. liver or brain) for cancer. Target cells for other diseases would be apparent to one of skill in the art.

Vaccines and pharmaceutical compositions comprising at least one of the nucleic acid sequences, vectors, vector systems, or transduced or transfected host cells of the invention and a physiologically acceptable carrier are also part of the invention.

As used herein, the term "transduction" generally refers to the transfer of genetic material into the host via infection, e.g., in this case by the lentiviral vector. The term "transfection" generally refers to the transfer of isolated genetic material into cells via the use of specific transfection agents (e.g., calcium phosphate, DEAE Dextran, lipid formulations, gold particles, and other microparticles) that cross the cytoplasmic membrane and deliver some of the genetic material into the cell nucleus.

Systems similar to those described herein can be produced using elements of lentiviruses in addition to the HIV and/or SIV genes described herein.

Pharmaceutical Compositions

The pharmaceutical compositions of the invention contain a pharmaceutically and/or therapeutically effective amount of at least one nucleic acid

construct, vector, vector system, viral particle/virus stock, or host cell (i.e., agents) of the invention. In one embodiment of the invention, the effective amount of an agent of the invention per unit dose is an amount sufficient to cause the detectable expression of the gene of interest. In another embodiment of the invention, the effective amount of agent per unit dose is an amount sufficient to prevent, treat or protect against deleterious effects (including severity, duration, or extent of symptoms) of the condition being treated. The effective amount of agent per unit dose depends, among other things, on the species of mammal inoculated, the body weight of the mammal and the chosen inoculation regimen, as is well known in the art. The dosage of the therapeutic agents which will be most suitable for prophylaxis or treatment will also vary with the form of administration, the particular agent chosen and the physiological characteristics of the particular patient under treatment. The dose is administered at least once. Subsequent doses may be administered as indicated.

To monitor the response of individuals administered the compositions of the invention, mRNA or protein expression levels may be determined. In many instances it will be sufficient to assess the expression level in serum or plasma obtained from such an individual. Decisions as to whether to administer another dose or to change the amount of the composition administered to the individual may be at least partially based on the expression levels.

The term "unit dose" as it pertains to the inocula refers to physically discrete units suitable as unitary dosages for mammals, each unit containing a predetermined quantity of active material (e.g., nucleic acid, virus stock or host cell) calculated to produce the desired effect in association with the required diluent. The titers of the virus stocks to be administered to a cell or animal will depend on the application and on type of delivery (e.g., *in vivo* or *ex vivo*). The virus stocks can be concentrated using methods such as centrifugation. The titers to be administered *ex vivo* are preferably in the range of 0.001 to 1 infectious unit /cell. Another method of generating viral stocks is to cocultivate stable cell lines expressing the virus with the target cells. This method has been used to achieve better results when using traditional retroviral vectors because the cells can be infected over a longer period of time and they have the chance to be infected with multiple copies of the vector.

For *in vivo* administration of nucleic acid constructs, vectors, vector systems, virus stocks, or cells which have been transduced or transfected *ex vivo*, the dose is to be determined by dose escalation, with the upper dose being limited by the onset of unacceptable adverse effects. Preliminary starting doses may be extrapolated from experiments using lentiviral vectors in animal models, by methods known in the art, or may be extrapolated from comparisons with known retroviral (e.g., adenoviral) doses. Generally, small dosages will be used initially and, if necessary, will be increased by small increments until the optimum effect under the circumstances is reached. Exemplary dosages are within the range of 10⁸ up to approximately 5 x 10¹⁵ particles.

Inocula are typically prepared as a solution in a physiologically acceptable carrier such as saline, phosphate-buffered saline and the like to form an aqueous pharmaceutical composition.

The agents of the invention are generally administered with a physiologically acceptable carrier or vehicle therefor. A physiologically acceptable carrier is one that does not cause an adverse physical reaction upon administration and one in which the nucleic acids are sufficiently soluble to retain their activity to deliver a pharmaceutically or therapeutically effective amount of the compound. The pharmaceutically or therapeutically effective amount and method of administration of an agent of the invention may vary based on the individual patient, the indication being treated and other criteria evident to one of ordinary skill in the art. A therapeutically effective amount of a nucleic acid of the invention is one sufficient to prevent, or attenuate the severity, extent or duration of the deleterious effects of the condition being treated without causing significant adverse side effects. The route(s) of administration useful in a particular application are apparent to one or ordinary skill in the art.

Routes of administration of the agents of the invention include, but are not limited to, parenteral, and direct injection into an affected site. Parenteral routes of administration include but are not limited to intravenous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal and subcutaneous. The route of administration of the agents of the invention is typically parenteral and is preferably into the bone marrow, into the CSF intramuscular, subcutaneous, intradermal, intraocular, intracranial, intranasal,

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and the like. See, e.g., WO 99/04026 for examples of formulations and routes of administration.

The present invention includes compositions of the agents described above, suitable for parenteral administration including, but not limited to, pharmaceutically acceptable sterile isotonic solutions. Such solutions include, but are not limited to, saline and phosphate buffered saline for nasal, intravenous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, subcutaneous or direct injection into a joint or other area.

In providing the agents of the present invention to a recipient mammal, preferably a primate, most preferably a human, the dosage administered will vary depending upon such factors as the mammal's age, weight, height, sex, general medical condition, previous medical history and the like.

The administration of the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention may be for either "prophylactic" or "therapeutic" purpose. When provided prophylactically, the compositions are provided in advance of any symptom. The prophylactic administration of the composition serves to prevent or ameliorate any subsequent deleterious effects (including severity, duration, or extent of symptoms) of the condition being treated. When provided therapeutically, the composition is provided at (or shortly after) the onset of a symptom of the condition being treated.

For all therapeutic, prophylactic and diagnostic uses, one or more of the agents of the invention, as well as antibodies and other necessary reagents and appropriate devices and accessories, may be provided in kit form so as to be readily available and easily used.

Where immunoassays are involved, such kits may contain a solid support, such as a membrane (e.g., nitrocellulose), a bead, sphere, test tube, rod, and so forth, to which a receptor such as an antibody specific for the target molecule will bind. Such kits can also include a second receptor, such as a labeled antibody. Such kits can be used for sandwich assays to detect toxins. Kits for competitive assays are also envisioned.

VI. <u>INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY</u>

Mutated genes of this invention can be expressed in the native host cell or organism or in a different cell or organism. The mutated genes can be introduced into a vector such as a plasmid, cosmid, phage, virus or minichromosome and inserted into a host cell or organism by methods well known in the art. In general, the mutated genes or constructs containing these mutated genes can be utilized in any cell, either eukaryotic or prokaryotic, including mammalian cells (e.g., human (e.g., HeLa), monkey (e.g., Cos), rabbit (e.g., rabbit reticulocytes), rat, hamster (e.g., CHO and baby hamster kidney cells) or mouse cells (e.g., L cells), plant cells, yeast cells, insect cells or bacterial cells (e.g., E. coli). The vectors which can be utilized to clone and/or express these mutated genes are the vectors which are capable of replicating and/or expressing the mutated genes in the host cell in which the mutated genes are desired to be replicated and/or expressed. See, e.g., F. Ausubel et al., <u>Current Protocols in Molecular Biology</u>, Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience (1992) and Sambrook et al. (1989) for examples of appropriate vectors for various types of host cells. The native promoters for such genes can be replaced with strong promoters compatible with the host into which the gene is inserted. These promoters may be inducible. The host cells containing these mutated genes can be used to express large amounts of the protein useful in enzyme preparations, pharmaceuticals, diagnostic reagents, vaccines and therapeutics.

Mutated genes or constructs containing the mutated genes may also be used for <u>in-vivo</u> or <u>in-vitro</u> gene therapy. For example, a mutated gene of the invention will produce an mRNA <u>in situ</u> to ultimately increase the amount of protein expressed. Such gene include viral genes and/or cellular genes. Such a mutated gene is expected to be useful, for example, in the development of a vaccine and/or genetic therapy.

The constructs and/or proteins made by using constructs encoding the mutated gag, env, and pol genes could be used, for example, in the production of diagnostic reagents, vaccines and therapies for AIDS and AIDS related diseases. The inhibitory/instability elements in the HIV-1 gag gene may be involved in the establishment of a state of low virus production in the host. HIV-1 and the other

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lentiviruses cause chronic active infections that are not cleared by the immune system. It is possible that complete removal of the inhibitory/instability sequence elements from the lentiviral genome would result in constitutive expression. This could prevent the virus from establishing a latent infection and escaping immune system surveillance. The success in increasing expression of the entire *gag/pol* gene by eliminating the inhibitory sequence element suggests that one could produce lentiviruses without any negative elements. Such lentiviruses could provide a novel approach towards attenuated vaccines.

For example, vectors expressing high levels of Gag can be used in immunotherapy and immunoprophylaxis, after expression in humans. Such vectors include retroviral vectors and also include direct injection of DNA into muscle cells or other receptive cells, resulting in the efficient expression of gag, using the technology described, for example, in Wolff et al., Science 247:1465-1468 (1990), Wolff et al., Human Molecular Genetics 1(6):363-369 (1992) and Ulmer et al., Science 259:1745-1749 (1993). Further, the gag constructs could be used in transdominant inhibition of HIV expression after the introduction into humans. For this application, for example, appropriate vectors or DNA molecules expressing high levels of p55gag or p37gag would be modified to generate transdominant gag mutants, as described, for example, in Trono et al., Cell 59:113-120 (1989). The vectors would be introduced into humans, resulting in the inhibition of HIV production due to the combined mechanisms of gag transdominant inhibition and of immunostimulation by the produced gag protein. In addition, the gag constructs of the invention could be used in the generation of new retroviral vectors based on the expression of lentiviral gag proteins. Lentiviruses have unique characteristics that may allow the targeting and efficient infection of non-dividing cells. Similar applications are expected for vectors expressing high levels of env.

Identification of similar inhibitory/instability elements in SIV indicates that this virus is a convenient model to test these hypotheses. SIV similarly modified could be used in place of HIV in an effort to further minimize the possibility of rearrangement events that would lead to the generation of infectious HIV.

The following examples illustrate certain embodiments of the present invention, but should not be construed as limiting its scope in any way. Certain modifications and variations will be apparent to those skilled in the art from the teachings of the foregoing disclosure and the following examples, and these are intended to be encompassed by the spirit and scope of the invention.

EXAMPLE 1

Rev-Independent HIV-1 Gag/Pol Molecular Clone

Figure 1 shows the DNA sequence of a Rev-independent HIV-1 gag/pol molecular clone. This DNA sequence shown encodes the complete Gag and Pol of HIV-1 and can be expressed in a Rev-independent manner when operably linked to a promoter. The Rev-independent gag sequence was described in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,174,666, 5,972,596 and 5,965,726 and the Rev-independent pol sequence was generated by eliminating the inhibitory/instability sequences using the methods described in those patents. Others have reportedly made Rev independent gag sequences by optimizing codon usage for human cells (see, e.g., WO 98/34640).

Figure 2 shows an alignment of the sequence of the wild - type and mutated *pol* region in pCMVgagpolBNkan. Position #1 in the figure is position 2641 in plasmid pCMVgagpolBNkan.

The elimination of INS in *gag*, *pol* and *env* regions allows the expression of high levels of authentic HIV-1 structural proteins in the absence of the Rev regulatory factor of HIV-1.

EXAMPLE 2

Rev-Independent SIV Gag Molecular Clone

Figure 3 shows the DNA sequence of a Rev-independent SIV gag molecular clone, SIVgagDX. Figure 4 shows the comparison of wild type (WT) and mutant (SIVgagDX) sequences. The wild type SIV sequence is from Simian (macaque) immunodeficiency virus isolate 239, clone lambda siv 239-1 (GenBank accession No. M33262).

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EXAMPLE 3

Rev-Independent SIV Env Molecular Clone

Figure 16 shows a schematic diagram, and figure 17 shows the DNA sequence, of the "env-coding" vector CMVkan/R-R-SIVgp160CTE, which is an example of a vector comprising a mutated lentiviral *env* gene sequence which is capable of being expressed independently of any SIV or HIV regulatory factors. "CMV" denotes the cytomegalovirus promoter; "SRV-CTE" denotes the constitutive transport element (CTE) of Simian Retrovirus Type 1; "all-STOP" denotes a sequence providing translational stops in all three reading frames; "BGH terminator" denotes the bovine growth hormone polyadenylation signal. Other posttranscriptional control elements can be used instead of the indicated SRV-CTE, for example the one described by Pavlakis and Nappi, PCT/US99/11082, filed May 22, 1999, which was published as WO 99/61596 on December 2, 1999 (and which is incorporated herein by reference).

As mentioned previously above, such a vector encoding a lentiviral *env* gene may be used if it is desired that the vector infect CD4⁺T cells. Also as mentioned previously above, the CTE element (i.e., the SRV-CTE element in the case of vector CMVkan/R-R-SIVgp160CTE), can be replaced with another post-transcriptional control element, such as the Pavlakis-Nappi element, that is able to replace CTE and HIV RRE/Rev. See Pavlakis and Nappi, PCT/US99/11082, filed May 22, 1999, which was published as WO 99/61596 on December 2, 1999 (and which is incorporated herein by reference).

EXAMPLE 4

Lentivirial Vector System

Figure 5 is a schematic of some of the components of a preliminary version of the Rev-independent lentiviral vector system exemplified herein, including a packaging construct and three different transfer vectors which may be used. In the lentiviral system exemplified herein, the packaging construct also contains the gene for kanamycin resistance. The lentiviral system exemplified herein also contains the vector pHCMV-G, which is shown in Figure 5.

In the packaging construct shown in Figure 5, "CMV" denotes the cytomegalovirus promoter, "Gag" denotes the gag gene, which generates components of the virion core, "Pro" denotes "protease" "RT" denotes "reverse transcriptase," 'Int" denotes "integrase" and "BGH poly (A)" denotes the bovine growth hormone polyadenylation signal. The protease, reverse transcriptase, and integrase genes comprise the "pol" gene. In transfer construct 1, "LTR" denotes the HIV "long terminal repeat", which contains a HIV promoter; "mSD" denotes "mutated splice donor site," which is present in the construct so that splicing of the RNA transcript does not occur; "\psi" denotes the encapsidation signal; "wGA" denotes part of the wild-type gag gene which contains sequences believed to be necessary for encapsidation; "X" indicates that the ATG codon of the partial gag gene sequence is mutated so that translation of this gene does not occur; "CMV" denotes the cytomegalovirus promoter and luciferase is used as a reporter gene. Luciferase can be replaced with any gene of interest. Another HIV LTR is present at the 3' end of transfer construct 1. Replacement of this LTR in constructs such as the transfer construct 1, 2, or 3 with a promoter-enhancer deleted HIV LTR leads to inactivation of LTR after integration. Transfer construct 2 is similar to transfer construct 1, the difference being that a mutated part of the gag gene (denoted "mGa") is used instead of the wild-type part of the gag gene. Transfer construct 3 (pm2BCwCNluci) has different mutations at the 5' splice site and has an intact ATG codon so that translation of part of the mutated gag gene occurs. Transfer construct 3 also has a 5' CMV promoter instead of a 5' LTR promoter. This construct is expressed independent of the presence of HIV Tat protein. The transfer constructs expressed from the LTR promoter are partially dependent on Tat protein. In 293 cells significant expression can be achieved in the absence of Tat. See, e.g., Valentin et al., Proc. Natl Acad. Sci. U S A. 95:8886-91 (1988).

EXAMPLE 5

Generation of Packaging Construct pCMVgagpol BNkan

Figure 6 shows a schematic map of the packaging construct pCMV gagpolBNKan. The nucleotide numbering is that of the HXB2R sequence

(Genbank accession number K03455 and M38432), where +1 is the start of transcription.

The sequence in HIV-1 *gag/pol* region was mutated in order to eliminate all the INS. The fragment from the beginning of *gag* to BsrGI site in *pol*, and the fragment KE [KpnI(3700)- EcoRI(4194)] were previously mutated described in Schneider et al., J Virol. 71: 4892-4903 (1997) and in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,174,666, 5,972,596 and 5,965,726.

To generate pCMVgagpolBNkan, three fragments within HIV-1 *pol* region were mutated. They are fragment BP [BsrGI(2207)-PflMI(3032)], fragment PK [PflMI(3032)-KpnI(3700)] and fragment EN [EcoRI(4194)-NdeI(4668)]. Mutagenesis was performed using a modified version of the method described by Ho et al., Gene 77: 51-59 (1989) and DNA shuffling (Zhao and Arnold, Nucl. Acid Res. 25(6), 1307-1308 (1997). Sixteen oligonucleotides extending over the complete sequence of the three fragments were designed. Six oligos corresponded to fragment BP, six to fragment PK, and four to fragment EN (the oligonucleotides ranged from 130 to 195 bases in length; adjacent oligos overlapped by twenty nucleotides). Each fragment was assembled in two steps:

- 1) PCR; the reaction was carried out in standard *pfu* buffer with 10 pmol of each purified big oligo, 0.2 mM of each dNTPs and 2.5 u *pfu* DNA polymerase enzyme (Stratagene) in a 50 μl final volume. The PCR program was: 3 min 96°C followed by 50 cycles of 1 min 94°C, 1 min 55°C, and 1 min + 5 s/cycle 72°C, ended by 7 min at 72°C. After PCR, the big oligonucleotides were removed from the assembled mutated fragment.
- 2) The second step was to specifically amplify the assembled products with 30 mer primers located at the 5' and 3' end of each mutated fragment. One microliter of the assembled PCR product was used as template in a 25-cycle PCR reaction with 50 pmol of each primer, 1 x pfu buffer, 0.2 mM of each dNTP and 2.5 u pfu DNA polymerase in a 50 μl final volume. The PCR program was: 3 min 96°C, 10 cycles of 30 s 94°C, 30 s 55°C, 45 s 72°C, followed by another 14 cycles of 30 s 94°C, 30 s 55°C, 45 s + 20 s/cycle 72°C, and finally 7 min 72°C. This program gave a single PCR product of the correct size. The amplified BP, PK and EN fragments were individually cloned into PCR-script™ vector using PCR-

script™ Amp SK(+) Cloning Kit (Stratagene). Clones were randomly selected and sequenced. The correct BP, PK and EN fragments together with fragment KE previously mutated by Schneider et al. were ligated between BsrGI and KpnI site of p55AM1-R5 (which was previously described in Schneider et al., J. Virol. 71: 4892-4903 (1997)) to produce a completely mutated *gagpol* ORF. The new plasmid containing the completely mutated *gag/pol* was named pLTRgagpolBN. BN stands for the modification of the fragment between BsrGI and NdeI. The mutated *gag/pol* was then cloned into a CMVkan vector containing the cytomegalovirus major late promoter (GenBank accession no. X17403) and the kanamycin resistance gene, resulting in pCMVgagpolBNkan. The plasmid backbone comes from pVR1332 provided by Vical Inc., and described in Hartikka et al., Hum Gene Ther. 7:1205-17 (1996).

It is understood that different plasmid backbones can be used, e.g., to provide good expression *in vivo*, in the case of DNA injection, for example.

EXAMPLE 6

Construction of Transfer Vectors pmBCwCNluci and pmBCmCNluci

The HIV-1 sequence BC, between BssHII (257) and ClaI (376), contains the major splice donor site and the encapsidation signal. Six oligos (33 to 46 bases) were designed to introduce mutations on the splice donor site and the AUG start codon of gag. The BC fragment was assembled, amplified and sequenced as described in the section concerning the construction of pCMVgagpolBN.

The mutated BC fragment and a fragment of wild type *gag* between ClaI (376) and Nsi (793) were placed between the BssHII and Nsi sites of p55RRE (Schneider et al., J. Virol. 71:4892-4903 (1997)) to generate pmBCwCN. In parallel, the fragment between ClaI (376) and NsiI sites of mutated *gag* from p55BM1-10SD+ was used to generate pmBCmCN. (p55BM1-10SD+ is similar to p55BM1-10, which is described in Schneider et al. (1997), but contains in addition the intact splice donor and encapsidation site upstream of gag). The region between NsiI and XhoI containing 3' part of *gag* and RRE in pmBCwCN and pmBCmCN

was replaced by a ClaI-XhoI fragment containing CMV promoter and luciferase gene from pHR'-CMVluci (vector from D. Trono) to generate pmBCwCNluci and pmBCmCNluci (which are shown as transfer constructs 1 and 2 in Figure 5, and schematically depicted in Figures 7 and 8, respectively). The sequences of these plasmids are shown in Figures 10 and 11, respectively. Different versions of these plasmids have also been created, by standard procedures, with variations in the region of the encapsidation site, the first splice donor site, and the initiator *gag* AUG. For example, the transfer construct pm2BcwCNluci (which is shown as transfer construct 3 in Fig. 5) has different mutations in the 5' splice site region and has an intact ATG. A comparison of the sequences in the BssHII-Cla I region of transfer constructs 1 and 2 (mBCwCN frag), transfer construct 3 (m2BCwCN frag), HXB2 and NL43 is shown in Fig. 12.

EXAMPLE 7

Preparation of Viral Particles

Lentiviral particles were generated by transient cotransfection of 293 human kidney cells with a combination of three plasmids: pCMVgagpolBNkan, pmBCwCNluci or pmBCmCNluci (transfer vector) and pHCMV-G (Yee et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., USA, 91:9564-9568 (1994) a plasmid coding for the envelope VSV-G (glycoprotein of vesicular stomatitis virus).

The day before the transfection, 293 cells were plated at a density of 10^6 cells/plate on a 60 mm plate. Plasmid DNA was transfected by the Ca-phosphate precipitation method in the following proportions: 3 µg packaging construct, 6 µg transfer construct and 100 ng VSV-G encoding construct, pHCMV-G. [Note that the LTR promoter can be expressed in 293 cells in the absence of Tat with a moderate decrease in efficiency. The transfer constructs can be fully Tat independent after replacement of the LTR promoter with a CMV (see, e.g., transfer construct 3 in Fig. 5) or other promoter in such a way that the mRNA start site is at the beginning of the LTR R region.] In the present experiments for preparation of viral particles 500 ng of a Tat expression plasmid was included in the transfection.

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Cells were washed the day after transfection and were kept in DMEM medium for another 48 hours before the supernatants were harvested. Supernatants were spun at 1,200 rpm for 7 mins to eliminate any floating cells. pCMVgagpolBNkan produces high levels of Gag protein that is efficiently released from the cells (Figure 13), and also produces high levels of functional Pol as judged by levels of reverse transcriptase activity similar to those found upon expression of complete HIV-1 (Figure 14).

Supernatants from 293 transfected cells were used to transduce several human cell lines (293, Jurkat, U937) and non-dividing human primary macrophages.

EXAMPLE 8

Cell Transduction

Transduction was performed by incubating for 3-4 hours at 37°C the target cells with 1-2 ml of supernatant containing the retroviral vectors. The amount of retroviral vector present in the supernatant was normalized by p24 content (measured by ELISA). Equal amounts of p24 gag protein were used for infection of cells. This way, differences in production of the different preparations was minimized.

The macrophages used for transduction were isolated from the peripheral blood of healthy donors by adherence to plastic. Cells were cultured in RPMI + 20% fetal calf serum (FCS) + 10% human serum (HS). After 1 week, non-adherent cells were washed off with PBS and the macrophages were kept in culture for another 1-2 weeks in the absence of human serum. The cells were washed 2-4 times with PBS before transduction.

Cells were harvested 48 hours after transduction (seven days for primary macrophages) and the transduction efficiency was determined by measuring luciferase activity in cell extracts from the cultures. The results of the transduction experiments in 293 Jurkat, U937 and primary macrophages are shown in Figure 15A-D. These results demonstrate that Rev-independent *gag*-HIV-1 based retroviral vectors display high transduction efficiency in (A) 293 cells, (B) human

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lymphoid cells, (C) human myeloid cells (U937), as well as (D) non-dividing cells such as primary human macrophages.

EXAMPLE 9

Use Of Nucleic Acids of the Invention In Immunoprophylaxis Or Immunotherapy

In postnatal gene therapy, new genetic information has been introduced into tissues by indirect means such as removing target cells from the body, infecting them with viral vectors carrying the new genetic information, and then reimplanting them into the body; or by direct means such as encapsulating formulations of DNA in liposomes; entrapping DNA in proteoliposomes containing viral envelope receptor proteins; calcium phosphate co-precipitating DNA; and coupling DNA to a polylysine-glycoprotein carrier complex. In addition, in vivo infectivity of cloned viral DNA sequences after direct intrahepatic injection with or without formation of calcium phosphate coprecipitates has also been described. mRNA sequences containing elements that enhance stability have also been shown to be efficiently translated in Xenopus laevis embryos, with the use of cationic lipid vesicles. See, e.g., J.A. Wolff, et al., Science 247:1465-1468 (1990) and references cited therein.

Recently, it has also been shown that injection of pure RNA or DNA directly into skeletal muscle results in significant expression of genes within the muscle cells. J.A. Wolff, et al., Science 247:1465-1468 (1990). Forcing RNA or DNA introduced into muscle cells by other means such as by particle-acceleration (N. -S. Yang, et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 87:9568-9572 (1990); S.R. Williams et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 88:2726-2730 (1991)) or by viral transduction should also allow the DNA or RNA to be stably maintained and expressed. In the experiments reported in Wolff et al., RNA or DNA vectors were used to express reporter genes in mouse skeletal muscle cells, specifically cells of the quadriceps muscles. Protein expression was readily detected and no special delivery system was required for these effects. Polynucleotide expression was also obtained when the composition and volume of the injection fluid and the method of injection were modified from the described protocol. For example, reporter enzyme activity was

reported to have been observed with 10 to 100 μ l of hypotonic, isotonic, and hypertonic sucrose solutions, Opti-MEM, or sucrose solutions containing 2mM CaCl₂ and also to have been observed when the 10- to 100- μ l injections were performed over 20 min. with a pump instead of within 1 min.

Enzymatic activity from the protein encoded by the reporter gene was also detected in abdominal muscle injected with the RNA or DNA vectors, indicating that other muscles can take up and express polynucleotides. Low amounts of reporter enzyme were also detected in other tissues (liver, spleen, skin, lung, brain and blood) injected with the RNA and DNA vectors. Intramuscularly injected plasmid DNA has also been demonstrated to be stably expressed in non-human primate muscle. S. Jiao et al., <u>Hum. Gene Therapy</u> 3:21-33 (1992).

It has been proposed that the direct transfer of genes into human muscle in situ may have several potential clinical applications. Muscle is potentially a suitable tissue for the heterologous expression of a transgene that would modify disease states in which muscle is not primarily involved, in addition to those in which it is. For example, muscle tissue could be used for the heterologous expression of proteins that can immunize, be secreted in the blood, or clear a circulating toxic metabolite. The use of RNA and a tissue that can be repetitively accessed might be useful for a reversible type of gene transfer, administered much like conventional pharmaceutical treatments. See J.A. Wolff, et al., Science 247:1465-1468 (1990) and S. Jiao et al., Hum. Gene Therapy 3:21-33 (1992).

It had been proposed by J.A. Wolff et al., <u>supra</u>, that the intracellular expression of genes encoding antigens might provide alternative approaches to vaccine development. This hypothesis has been supported by a recent report that plasmid DNA encoding influenza A nucleoprotein injected into the quadriceps of BALB/c mice resulted in the generation of influenza A nucleoprotein-specific cytotoxic T lymphocytes (CTLs) and protection from a subsequent challenge with a heterologous strain of influenza A virus, as measured by decreased viral lung titers, inhibition of mass loss, and increased survival. J. B. Ulmer et al., <u>Science</u> 259:1745-1749 (1993).

Therefore, it appears that the direct injection of RNA or DNA vectors encoding the viral antigen can be used for endogenous expression of the antigen to generate the viral antigen for presentation to the immune system without the need for self-replicating agents or adjuvants, resulting in the generation of antigen-specific CTLs and protection from a subsequent challenge with a homologous or heterologous strain of virus.

CTLs in both mice and humans are capable of recognizing epitopes derived from conserved internal viral proteins and are thought to be important in the immune response against viruses. By recognition of epitopes from conserved viral proteins, CTLs may provide cross-strain protection. CTLs specific for conserved viral antigens can respond to different strains of virus, in contrast to antibodies, which are generally strain-specific.

Thus, direct injection of RNA or DNA encoding the viral antigen has the advantage of being without some of the limitations of direct peptide delivery or viral vectors. See J.A. Ulmer et al., supra, and the discussions and references therein). Furthermore, the generation of high-titer antibodies to expressed proteins after injection of DNA indicates that this may be a facile and effective means of making antibody-based vaccines targeted towards conserved or non-conserved antigens, either separately or in combination with CTL vaccines targeted towards conserved antigens. These may also be used with traditional peptide vaccines, for the generation of combination vaccines. Furthermore, because protein expression is maintained after DNA injection, the persistence of B and T cell memory may be enhanced, thereby engendering long-lived humoral and cell-mediated immunity. For example, Shriver et al. (1996) describes long-lived T cell responses in mice and non-human primates treated with vaccine compositions containing Rev-independent HIV gag and HIV gag vectors and Hel et al., J. Immunol., 167:7180-7181 (2001), specifically incorporated by reference herein, describes Rev-independent expression SIV gag and SIV env vectors and their potentiation of SIV-specific CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cell responses in both naïve and infected macaques by a DNA-SIV and NYVAC-SIV prime/boost regimen.

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1. Vectors for the immunoprophylaxis or immunotherapy against HIV-1

The mutated *gag*, *pol* or *gag/pol* sequences will be inserted in expression vectors using a strong constitutive promoter such as CMV or RSV, or an inducible promoter such as HIV-1.

The vector will be introduced into animals or humans in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier using one of several techniques such as injection of DNA directly into human tissues; electroporation or transfection of the DNA into primary human cells in culture (ex vivo), selection of cells for desired properties and reintroduction of such cells into the body, (said selection can be for the successful homologous recombination of the incoming DNA to an appropriate preselected genomic region); generation of infectious particles containing the gag gene, infection of cells ex vivo and reintroduction of such cells into the body; or direct infection by said particles in vivo.

Substantial levels of protein will be produced leading to an efficient stimulation of the immune system.

In another embodiment of the invention, the described constructs will be modified to express mutated Gag proteins that are unable to participate in virus particle formation. It is expected that such Gag proteins will stimulate the immune system to the same extent as the wild-type Gag protein, but be unable to contribute to increased HIV-1 production. This modification should result in safer vectors for immunotherapy and immunophrophylaxis.

EXAMPLE 10

Inhibition of HIV-1 Expression Using Transdominant (TD)-TD-Gag-TD Rev or Td Gag-Pro-TD Rev Genes

Direct injection of DNA or use of vectors other than retroviral vectors will allow the constitutive high level of trans-dominant Gag (TDgag) in cells. In addition, the approach taken by B.K. Felber et al., <u>Science</u> 239:184-187 (1988) will allow the generation of retroviral vectors, e.g. mouse-derived retroviral vectors, encoding HIV-1 TDgag, which will not interfere with the infection of human cells by the retroviral vectors. In the approach of Felber, et al., <u>supra</u>, it was

shown that fragments of the HIV-1 LTR containing the promoter and part of the polyA signal can be incorporated without detrimental effects within mouse retroviral vectors and remain transcriptionally silent. The presence of Tat protein stimulated transcription from the HIV-1 LTR and resulted in the high level expression of genes linked to the HIV-1 LTR.

The generation of hybrid TDgag-TDRev or TDgag-pro-TDRev genes and the introduction of expression vectors in human cells will allow the efficient production of two proteins that will inhibit HIV-1 expression. The incorporation of two TD proteins in the same vector is expected to amplify the effects of each one on viral replication. The use of the HIV-1 promoter in a matter similar to one described in B.K. Felber, et al., supra, will allow high level Gag and Rev expression in infected cells. In the absence of infection, expression will be substantially lower. Alternatively, the use of other strong promoters will allow the constitutive expression of such proteins. This approach could be highly beneficial, because of the production of a highly immunogenic gag, which is not able to participate in the production of infectious virus, but which, in fact, antagonizes such production. This can be used as an efficient immuniprophylactic or immunotherapeutic approach against AIDS.

Examples of trans-dominant mutants are described in Trono et al., Cell 59:112-120 (1989).

1. Generation of constructs encoding <u>transdominant Gag mutant</u> <u>proteins</u>

Gag mutant proteins that can act as trans-dominant mutants, as described, for example, in Trono et al., <u>supra</u>, will be generated by modifying vector p37M1-10D or p55M1-13P0 to produce transdominant Gag proteins at high constitutive levels.

The transdominant Gag protein will stimulate the immune system and will inhibit the production of infectious virus, but will not contribute to the production of infectious virus.

The added safety of this approach makes it more acceptable for human application.

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Those skilled in the art will recognize that any gene encoding a mRNA containing an inhibitory/instability sequence or sequences can be modified in accordance with the exemplified methods of this invention or their functional equivalents.

Modifications of the above described modes for carrying out the invention that are obvious to those of skill in the fields of genetic engineering, virology, immunology, medicine, and related fields are intended to be within the scope of the following claims.

Every reference cited hereinbefore throughout the application is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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- 1. A nucleic acid construct comprising a HIV-1 gag/pol gene having the coding sequence of the gag/pol gene set forth in Figure 1.
- 2. A nucleic acid construct comprising a HIV-1 *pol* gene having the coding sequence of the *pol* gene set forth in Figure 2.
- 3. A nucleic acid construct comprising a SIV-1 gag gene having the coding sequence of the gag gene set forth in Figure 3.
- 4. A nucleic acid construct comprising an HIV or SIV 5' LTR, a packaging signal, a *gag/pol* gene comprising the sequence set forth in Figure 1, a 5' splice site, a 3' splice site, an *env* gene, a *tat* gene, a functional RNA transport element and a 3' HIV or SIV LTR, said nucleic acid construct being able to produce functional Gag, Pol and Env virion components.
- 5. A vector comprising the nucleic acid construct of Claim 1, 2, 3 or 4.
- 6. A transformed host cell comprising the nucleic acid construct of Claim 1, 2, 3 or 4.
- 7. A transformed host cell of Claim 6 wherein said cell is a eukaryote.
 - 8. The host cell of Claim 7 wherein said cell is a human cell.
- 9. A transformed host cell of Claim 6 wherein said cell is a prokaryote.
 - 10. The host cell of Claim 9 wherein said cell is <u>E</u>. <u>coli</u>.
- 11. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the nucleic acid construct of Claim 1, 2, 3 or 4 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 12. A method for inducing antibodies in a mammal comprising administering to a mammal a composition of claim 11, wherein said nucleic acid construct is present in an amount which is effective to induce said antibodies in said mammal.
- 13. A method for inducing cytotoxic T lymphocytes in a mammal comprising administering to a mammal a composition of claim 11, wherein said nucleic acid construct is present in an amount which is effective to induce cytotoxic T lymphocytes in said mammal.

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- 14. A vaccine composition for inducing immunity in a mammal against HIV infection comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and further comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a nucleic acid construct of Claim 1 capable of producing HIV Gag and Pol proteins in the absence of HIV Rev regulatory protein in a cell in vivo.
- 15. A vaccine composition for inducing immunity in a mammal against HIV infection comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and further comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a nucleic acid construct of Claim 2 capable of producing HIV Pol protein in the absence of HIV Rev regulatory protein in a cell in vivo.
- 16. A vaccine composition according to claim 14 wherein said mammal is a human.
- 17. A vaccine composition according to claim 15 wherein said mammal is a human.
- 18. A method for inducing immunity against HIV infection in a mammal which comprises administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a vaccine composition according to claim 14.
- 19. A method for inducing immunity against HIV infection in a mammal which comprises administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a vaccine composition according to claim 15.
- 20. A method according to claim 18 wherein said mammal is a human.
- 21. A method according to claim 19 wherein said mammal is a human.
 - 22. A lentiviral expression system comprising the following:
- (a) a packaging vector comprising a HIV-1 gag/pol gene having the nucleotide sequence set forth in Figure 1;
 - (b) a transfer vector; and
 - (c) an envelope encoding vector.
- 23. A transformed host cell comprising the lentiviral expression system of Claim 22.

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- 24. A transformed host cell of Claim 23 wherein said cell is a eukaryote.
 - 25. The host cell of Claim 24 wherein said cell is a human cell.

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- 26. A process for making a lentiviral particle comprising expressing HIV Gag and HIV Pol in a host cell from a vector comprising the nucleotide sequences encoding HIV Gag and HIV Pol set forth in Figure 1 in the presence of a gene encoding an envelope protein.
- 27. A lentiviral expression system which is capable of functioning in the absence of Rev, Tat, and any viral RNA transport element comprising the following:
- (a) a packaging vector comprising a HIV-1 *gag/pol* gene which has been mutated to eliminate inhibitory/instability regions;
 - (b) a transfer vector; and
 - (c) an envelope encoding vector.
- 28. A transformed host cell comprising the lentiviral expression system of Claim 27.
- 29. A transformed host cell of Claim 28 wherein said cell is a eukaryote.
 - 30. The host cell of Claim 29 wherein said cell is a human cell.
- 31. A process for making a lentiviral particle in the absence of Rev, Tat, or any viral RNA transport element comprising expressing HIV Gag and HIV Pol in a host cell from a HIV-1 gag/pol gene which has been mutated to eliminate inhibitory/instability regions and expressing an Envelope protein from a envelope encoding gene whose expression is independent Rev, Tat, or any viral RNA transport element.
- 32. A nucleic acid construct comprising a SIV-1 *env* gene having the coding sequence of the *env* gene set forth in Figure 16.
 - 33. A vector comprising the nucleic acid construct of claim 32.
- 34. A transformed host cell comprising the nucleic acid construct of claim 32.
- 35. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the nucleic acid construct of claim 32 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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- 36. A lentiviral expression system of claim 27 wherein the HIV-1 gag/pol gene has the coding sequence of the HIV-1 gag/pol gene set forth in Figure 1.
- 37. The process of claim 31 wherein the HIV-1 gag/pol gene has the coding sequence of the HIV-1 gag/pol gene set forth in Figure 1.
- 38. A lentiviral expression system of claim 27 wherein the packaging vector has the DNA sequence of packaging construct pCMVgag/polBNKan set forth in Figure 9.
- 39. A lentiviral expression system of claim 27 wherein the transfer vector has the DNA sequence of pmBCwCNluci set forth in Figure 10 or pmBCmCNluci set forth in Figure 11.

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FIG. I

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FIG. 3

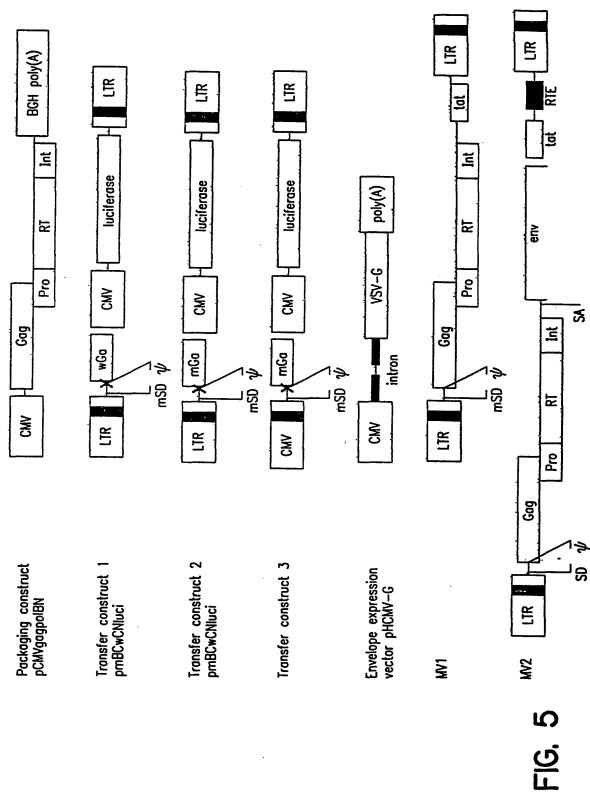
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FIG. 4

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#1241	GCTGGAAATGTGGAAAAATGGACCATGTTATGGCCAAATG
SIV gag	
#1281	CCCAGACAGACAGGCGGGTTTTTTAGGCCTTGGTCCATGG
SIV gag	
#1321	GGAAAGAAGCCCCGCAATTTCCCCCATGGCTCAAGTGCATC
SIV gag	
#1361	AGGGGCTGATGCCAACTGCTCCCCCAGAGGACCCAGCTGT
SIV gag	
#1401	GGATCTGCTAAAGAACTACATGCAGTTGGGCAAGCAGCAG
SIV gag	
#1441	AGAGAAAAGCAGAGAGAAGCCTTACAAGG
SIV gag #1481	
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SIV gag #1521	••••••••••••
η I J C I	AGGAGACCAGTAG



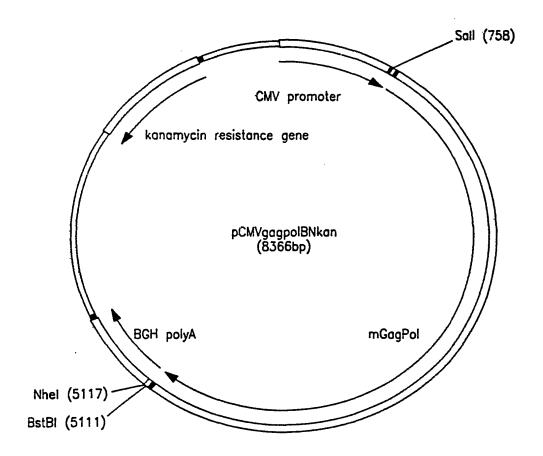


FIG. 6

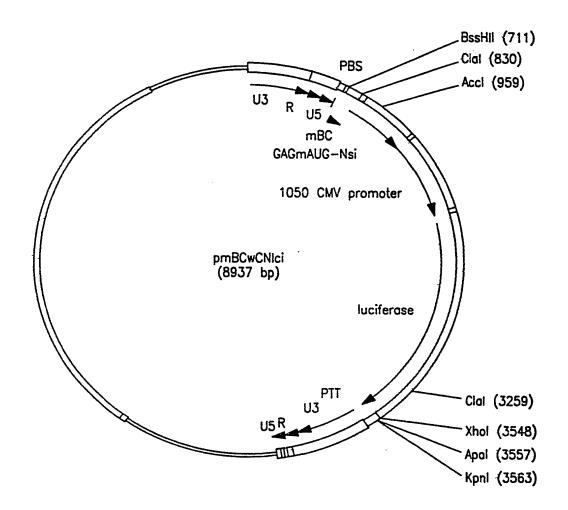


FIG. 7

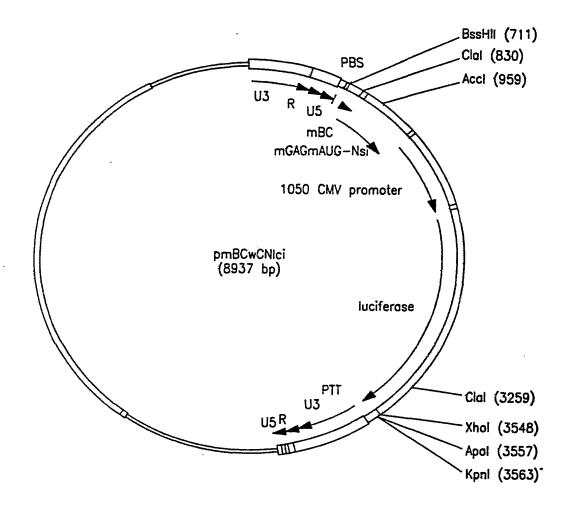


FIG. 8

1	CCTGGCCATT	GCATACGTTG	TATCCATATC	ATAATATGTA	CATTTATATT	GGCTCATGTC	CAACATTACC
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141	TATATGGAGT	TCCGCGTTAC	ATAACTTACG	GTAAATGGCC	CGCCTGGCTG	ACCGCCCAAC	GACCCCCGCC
211	CATTGACGTO	AATAATGACG	TATGTTCCCA	TAGTAACGCC	AATAGGGACT	TTCCATTGAC	GTCAATGGGT
281	GGAGTATTTA	CGGTAAACTG	CCCACTTGGC	AGTACATCAA	GTGTATCATA	TGCCAAGTAC	GCCCCCTATT
351	GACGTCAATG	ACGGTAAATG	GCCCGCCTGG	CATTATGCCC	AGTACATGAC	CTTATGGGAC	TTTCCTACTT
421	GGCAGTACAT	CTACGTATTA	GTCATCGCTA	TTACCATGGT	GATGCGGTTT	TGGCAGTACA	TCAATGGGCG
491	TGGATAGCGG	TTTGACTCAC	GGGGATTTCC	AAGTCTCCAC	CCCATTGACG	TCAATGGGAG	TTTGTTTTGG
561	CACCAAAATC	AACGGGACTT	TCCAAAATGT	CGTAACAACT	CCGCCCCATT	GACGCAAATG	GGCGGTAGGC
631	GTGTACGGTG	GGAGGTCTAT	ATAAGCAGAG	CTCGTTTAGT	GAACCGTCAG	ATCGCCTGGA	GACGCCATCC
701	ACGCTGTTTT	GACCTCCATA	GAAGACACCG	GGACCGATCC	AGCCTCCGCG	Sal: GGCGCGCGTC	I (758) GACAGAGAGA
771	TGGGTGCGAG	AGCGTCAGTA	TTAAGCGGGG	GAGAATTAGA	TCGATGGGAA	AAAATTCGGT	TAAGGCCAGG
841	GGGAAAGAAG	AAGTACAAGC	TAAAGCACAT	CGTATGGGCA	AGCAGGGAGC	TAGAACGATT	CGCAGTTAAT
911	CCTGGCCTGT	TAGAAACATC	AGAAGGCTGT	AGACAAATAC	TGGGACAGCT	ACAACCATCC	CTTCAGACAG
981	GATCAGAGGA	GCTTCGATCA	CTATACAACA	CAGTAGCAAC	CCTCTATTGT	GTGCACCAGC	GGATCGAGAT
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1121	GCAGCAGCTG	ACACAGGACA	CAGCAATCAG	GTCAGCCAAA	ATTACCCTAT	AGTGCAGAAC	ATCCAGGGGC
1191	AAATGGTACA	TCAGGCCATA	TCACCTAGAA	CTTTAAATGC	ATGGGTAAAA	GTAGTAGAAG	AGAAGGCTTT
1261	CAGCCCAGAA	GTGATACCCA	TGTTTTCAGC	ATTATCAGAA	GGAGCCACCC	CACAGGACCT	GAACACGATG
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1401	AATGGGATAG	AGTGCATCCA	GTGCATGCAG	GGCCTATTGC	ACCAGGCCAG	ATGAGAGAAC	CAAGGGGAAG
1471	TGACATAGCA	GGAACTACTA	GTACCCTTCA	GGAACAAATA	GGATGGATGA	CAAATAATCC	ACCTATCCCA
1541	GTAGGAGAGA	TCTACAAGAG	GTGGATAATC	CTGGGATTGA	ACAAGATCGT	GAGGATGTAT	AGCCCTACCA
1611	GCATTCTGGA	CATAAGACAA	GGACCAAAGG	AACCCTTTAG	AGACTATGTA	GACCGGTTCT	ATAAAACTCT
1681	AAGAGCTGAG	CAAGCTTCAC	AGGAGGTAAA	AAATTGGATG	ACAGAAACCT	TGTTGGTCCA	AAATGCGAAC
1751	CCAGATTGTA	AGACCATCCT	GAAGGCTCTC	GGCCCAGCGG	CTACACTAGA	AGAAATGATG	ACAGCATGTC
1821	AGGGAGTAGG	AGGACCCGGC	CATAAGGCAA	GAGTTTTGGC	CGAGGCGATG	AGCCAGGTGA	CGAACTCGGC

FIG. 9

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1891	GACCATAATG	ATGCAGAGAG	GCAACTTCCG	GAACCAGCGG	AAGATCGTCA	AGTGCTTCAA	TTGTGGCAAA
1961	GAAGGGCACA	CCGCCAGGAA	CTGCCGGGCC	CCCCGGAAGA	AGGGCTGTTG	GAAATGTGGA	AAGGAAGGAC
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2381	TCGGGGGCTT	CATCAAGGTG	AGGCAGTACG	ACCAGATACT	CATAGAAATC	TGTGGACÀTA	AAGCTATAGG
2451		GTAGGACCTA	·		~		
2521	TTGAACTTCC	CCATCAGCCC	TATTGAGACG	GTGCCCGTGA	AGTTGAAGCC	GGGGATGGAC	GGCCCCAAGG
2591		GCCATTGACG					
2661	AGGGAAGATC	AGCAAGATCG	GGCCTGAGAA	CCCCTACAAC	ACTCCAGTCT	TCGCAATCAA	GAAGAAGGAC
2731	AGTACCAAGT	GGAGAAAGCT	GGTGGACTTC	AGAGAGCTGA	ACAAGAGAAC	TCAGGACTTC	TGGGAAGTTC
2801		CCCACATCCC					
2871	CTACTTCTCC	GTTCCCTTGG	ACGAGGACTT	CAGGAAGTAC	ACTGCCTTCA	CGATACCTAG	CATCAACAAC
2941	GAGACACCAG	GCATCCGCTA	CCAGTACAAC	GTGCTGCCAC	AGGGATGGAA	GGGATCACCA	GCCATCTTTC
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3081	GGACGACCTC	TACGTAGGAA	GTGACCTGGA	GATCGGGCAG	CACAGGACCA	AGATCGAGGA	GCTGAGACAG
3151	CATCTGTTGA	GGTGGGGACT	GACCACACCA	GACAAGAAGC	ACCAGAAGGA	ACCTCCCTTC	CTGTGGATGG
3221	GCTACGAACT	GCATCCTGAC	AAGTGGACAG	TGCAGCCCAT	CGTGCTGCCT	GAGAAGGACA	GCTGGACTGT
3291	GAACGACATA	CAGAAGCTCG	TGGGCAAGTT	GAACTGGGCA	AGCCAGATCT	ACCCAGGCAT	CAAAGTTAGG
3361	CAGCTGTGCA	AGCTGCTTCG	AGGAACCAAG	GCACTGACAG	AAGTGATCCC	ACTGACAGAG	GAAGCAGAGC
3431		AGAGAACCGA					
3501		GAGATCCAGA					
3571	AACCTGAAGA						
3641	CAGTGCAGAA						
3711		TGGGAGACAT					

3781	AACACCCCTC	CCTTGGTGAA	ACTGTGGTAT	CAGCTGGAGA	AGGAACCCAT	CGTGGGAGCA	GAGACCTTCT
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4061	ACCAATCCGA	GTCAGAGCTG	GTGAACCAGA	TCATCGAGCA	GCTGATCAAG	AAGGAGAAAG	TGTACCTGGC
4131			GAATTGGAGG				
4201			GATCGATAAG				
4271			CTGCCACCTG				
4341			ATGGACAAGT				
4411			GGTAGCAGTT		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
4481			GCATATTTTC				
4551			TCACTGGTGC				
4621			TCCCCAATCG				
4691			CAGGCTGAGC				
4761			TTGGGGGGTA				
4831			GAAGCAGATC				
4901			CCAGCAAAGC				
4971			CAAGGCGCAA		~		
5041			ACAGGATGAG				
	NheI			-	100111011000	10010AAGCA	CCAIAIGGCG
	BstBI (5)	(11)					
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5391	GGTTCCTCCT	GGGCCAGAAA	GAAGCAGGCA	CATCCCCTTC	TCTCTGACAC	ACCCTGTCCA	CGCCCCTGGT
5461	TCTTAGTTCC	AGCCCCACTC	ATAGGACACT	CATAGCTCAG	GAGGGCTCCG	CCTTCAATCC	CACCCGCTAA
5531			CCTCCCTCAT				

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5671	AGAAATCATA	GAATTTCTTC	CGCTTCCTCG	CTCACTGACT	CGCTGCGCTC	GCTCGTTCGG	CTGCGGCGAG -
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6021	CCTGTCCGCC	TTTCTCCCTT	CGGGAAGCGT	GGCGCTTTCT	CAATGCTCAC	GCTGTAGGTA	TCTCAGTTCG
6091		TTCGCTCCAA					
6161	CCGGTAACTA	TCGTCTTGAG	TCCAACCCGG	TAAGACACGA	CTTATCGCCA	CTGGCAGCAG	CCACTGGTAA
6231		AGAGCGAGGT					
6301	ACTAGAAGGA	CAGTATTTGG	TATCTGCGCT	CTGCTGAAGC	CAGTTACCTT	CGGAAAAAGA	GTTGGTAGCT
6371		CAAACAAACC					
6441	AAAAAAAGGA	TCTCAAGAAG	ATCCTTTGAT	CTTTTCTACG	GGGTCTGACG	CTCAGTGGAA	CGAAAACTCA
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6581		AATCTAAAGT					
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6721	TCTGCCTCGT	GAAGAAGGTG	TTGCTGACTC	ATACCAGGCC	TGAATCGCCC	CATCATCCAG	CCAGAAAGTG
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6861		TGCGTTGTCG					
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271	∢ PhePheGlu	AspLeuMetL	euHisPheGl	nLeuLysAsn	MetAspProA	snAspIleGl	yTyrLysGln
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248 ◀	PheLeuArgL	ysGlnLeuSe	rProSerPhe	GluGlyLeuC	ysAsnTrpLe	ulleAlaLeu	AspGlnTyrA
7141	CGGTCTGCĞA	TTCCGACTCG	TCCAACATCA	ATACAACCTA	TTAATTTCCC	CTCGTCAAAA	ATAAGGTTAT
224	rgAspAlaIl	eGlyValArg	GlyValAspI	leCysGlyIl	eLeuLysGly	GluAspPheI	leLeuAsnAs
7211	CAAGTGAGAA	ATCACCATGA	GTGACGACTG	AATCCGGTGA	GAATGGCAAA	AGCTTATGCA	TTTCTTTCCA
201	pLeuSerPhe	AspGlyHisT	hrValValSe	rAspProSer	PheProLeuL	euLysHisMe	tGluLysTrp
7281	GACTTGTTCA	ACAGGCCAGC	CATTACGCTC	GTCATCAAAA	TCACTCGCAT	CAACCAAACC	GTTATTCATT
178 ◀	ValGlnGluV	alProTrpGl	yAsnArgGlu	AspAspPheA	spSerAlaAs	pValLeuGly	AsnAsnMetA
7351	CGTGATTGCG	CCTGAGCGAG	ACGAAATACG	CGATCGCTGT	TAAAAGGACA	ATTACAAACA	GGAATCGAAT
154 ◀	rgSerGlnAl	aGlnAlaLeu	ArgPheValA	rgAspSerAs	nPheProCys	AsnCysValP	rolleSerHi
7421	GCAACCGGCG	CAGGAACACT	GCCAGCGCAT	CAACAATATT	TTCACCTGAA	TCAGGATATT	CTTCTAATAC
131 ◀	sLeuArgArg	LeuPheValA	laLeuAlaAs	pVallleAsn	GluGlySerA	spProTyrGl	uGluLeuVal
7491	CTGGAATGCT	GTTTTCCCGG	GGATCGCAGT	GGTGAGTAAC	CATGCATCAT	CAGGAGTACG	GATAAAATGC
108◀	GlnPheAlaT	hrLvsGlvPr	olleAlaThr	ThrLeuLeuT	rpAlaAspAs	pProThrArg	IlePheHisL
7561	TTGATGGTCG	GAAGAGGCAT	AAATTCCGTC	AGCCAGTTTA	GTCTGACCAT	CTCATCTGTA	ACATCATTGG
84 4	yslleThrPr	oLeuProMet	PheGluThrL	euTrpAsnLe	uArgValMet	GluAspThrV	alAspAsnAl
7631	CAACGCTACC	TTTGCCATGT	TTCAGAAACA	ACTCTGGCGC	ATCGGGCTTC	CCATACAATC	GATAGATTGT
61 4	aValSerGly	LysGlyHisL	ysLeuPheLe	uGluProAla	AspProLysG	lyTyrLeuAr	gTyrlleThr
7701	CGCACCTGAT	TGCCCGACAT	TATCGCGAGC	CCATTTATAC	CCATATAAAT	CAGCATCCAT	GTTGGAATTT
38 4	• AlaGlySerG	lnGlyValAs	nAspArgAla	TrpLysTyrG	lyTyrLeuAs	pAlaAspMet	AsnSerAsnL
7771	AATCGCGGCC	TCGAGCAAGA	CGTTTCCCGT	TGAATATGGC	TCATAACACC	CCTTGTATTA	CTGTTTATGT
14 4	euArgProAr	gSerCysSer	ThrGluArgG	lnIleHisSe	rMet		
7841	AAGCAGACAG	TTTTATTGTT	CATGATGATA	TATTTTTATC	TTGTGCAATG	TAACATCAGA	GATTTTGAGA
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7981	ATATTTGAAT	GTATTTAGAA	AAATAAACAA	ATAGGGGTTC	CGCGCACATT	TCCCCGAAAA	GTGCCACCTG
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8121	CGCGCGTTTC	GGTGATGACG	GTGAAAACCT	CTGACACATG	CAGCTCCCGG	AGACGGTCAC	AGCTTGTCTG
8191	TAAGCGGATG	CCGGGAGCAG	ACAAGCCCGT	CAGGGCGCGT	CAGCGGGTGT	TGGCGGGTGT	CGGGGCTGGC
8261					CCATATGCGG	TGTGAAATAC	CGCACAGATG
8331	CGTAAGGAGA	AAATACCGCA	TCAGATTGGC	TATTGG			

1	TGGAAGGGCT	AATTTGGTCC	CAAAAAAGAC	AAGAGATCCT	TGATCTGTGG	ATCTACCACA	CACAAGGCTA
71	CTTCCCTGAT	TGGCAGAACT	ACACACCAGG	GCCAGGGATC	AGATATCCAC	TGACCTTTGG	ATGGTGCTTC
141	AAGTTAGTAC	CAGTTGAACC	AGAGCAAGTA	GAAGAGGCCA	AATAAGGAGA	GAAGAACAGC	TTGTTACACC
211	CTATGAGCCA	GCATGGGATG	GAGGACCCGG	AGGGAGAAGT	ATTAGTGTGG		GCCTCCTAGC
281	ATTTCGTCAC	ATGGCCCGAG	AGCTGCATCC	GGAGTACTAC			TTTCTACAAG
351	GGACTTTCCG	CTGGGGACTT	TCCAGGGAGG	TGTGGCCTGG	GCGGGACTGG	GGAGTGGCGA	GCCCTCAGAT
421	GCTACATATA	AGCAGCTGCT	TTTTGCCTGT	ACTGGGTCTC	TCTGGTTAGA	CCAGATCTGA	GCCTGGGAGC
491	TCTCTGGCTA	ACTAGGGAAC	CCACTGCTTA	AGCCTCAATA	AAGCTTGCCT	TGAGTGCTCA	AAGTAGTGTG
561	TGCCCGTCTG	TTGTGTGACT	CTGGTAACTA	GAGATCCCTC	AGACCCTTTT	AGTCAGTGTG	GAAAATCTCT
631	AGCAGTGGCG	CCCGAACAGG	GACTTGAAAG	CGAAAGTAAA	GCCAGAGGAG	ATCTCTCGAC	GCAGGACTCG
701	GCTTGCTGAA	BssHII (7)	ll) caagaggcga	ggggcggcgC	ctgACgagGa	cgccaaaaat	tttgactagc
771	ggaggctaga	aggagagagC —	TCGGTGCGAG	AGCGTCAGTA	TCAAGCGGGG	C GAGAATTAGA	LaI (830) TCGATGGGAA
841	AAAATTCGGT	TAAGGCCAGG	GGGAAAGAAA	AAATATAAAT	TAAAACATAT	AGTATGGGCA	AGCAGGGAGC
911	TAGAACGATT	CGCAGTTAAT	CCTGGCCTGT	TAGAAACATC	Acc AGAAGGCTGT	EI (959) AGACAAATAC	TGGGACAGCT
981	ACAACCATCC	CTTCAGACAG	GATCAGAAGA	ACTTAGATCA	TTATATAATA	CAGTAGCAAC	CCTCTATTGT
1051	GTGCATCAAA	GGATAGAGAT	AAAAGACACC	AAGGAAGCTT	TAGACAAGAT	AGAGGAAGAG	CAAAACAAAA

FIG. 10

1121	GTAAGAAAA	AGCACAGCAA	GCAGCAGCTG	ACACAGGACA	CAGCAATCAG	GTCAGCCAAA	ATTACCCTAT
191	AGTGCAGAAC	ATCCAGGGGC	AAATGGTACA	TCAGGCCATA	TCACCTAGAA	CTTTAAACGA	TAAGCTTGGG
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1471	ATGACGGTAA	ATGGCCCGCC	TGGCATTATG	CCCAGTACAT	GACCTTATGG	GACTTTCCTA	CTTGGCAGTA
1541	CATCTACGTA	TTAGTCATCG	CTATTACCAT	GGTGATGCGG	TTTTGGCAGT	ACATCAATGG	GCGTGGATAG
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2871	CGGTTGCAAA	ACGCTTCCAT	CTTCCAGGGA	TACGACAAGG	ATATGGGCTC	ACTGAGACTA	CATCAGCTAT
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4201	CTGTTGTGTG	ACTCTGGTAA	CTAGAGATCC	CTCAGACCCT	TTTAGTCAGT	GTGGAAAATC	TCTAGCACCC
4271	CCCACCACCT	ACACCTTCCA	CMC1.CCC1.C				
4341	TCTCTAAAAT	AGAGGIIGGA	ACTTAACCCT	ATCGCGCCAC	TGCATTCCAG	CCTGGGCAAG	AAAACAAGAC
4411	ATTTCCCCTC	CCCCCACTCC	CTCACACCTC	ATTAAATATA	TTTATACATG	GAGGTCATAA	AAATATATAT
4481	ACTTTCCCAC	TTCCACACCA	CCCTCACCCIG	CGCCCGGCCC	TTTGGGAGGC	CGAGGCAGGT	GGATCACCTG
4551	ATTTTATCTC	TATTTTATTC	ACACCTATTT	CATGGAGAAA	CCCCTTCTCT	GTGTATTTTT	ATGAGATTTT
4621	AAGAATCATC	ACCACACACC	ACACTTCTC	CTGGAAAACT TGATCAAATG	GAAACIGITI	TTCCTCTACT	CTGATACCAC
4691	TGAGCAGTCA	GTTCTGCCGC	ACACTCCCCC	GGTGTCCTTC	CCTTCACTTC	GGGAGGTTTT	CACCAGCACA
4761	GAGGTCAGAC	CACAGGGTGA	GGGCTCAGTC	CCCAAGACAT	AAACACCCAA	CACATAAACA	TGCCTGGAGA
4831	CCACCCCGCC	TGCTGCCCAG	GCAGAGCCGA	TTCACCAAGA	CCCCAATTAC	CATACACAAA	CACTAACAGGT
4901	CACAGAGCCG	CCTCTCCCCC	AGAACGGAGT	TCTATTATGA	CTCAAATCAC	TCTCCCCAAC	CATTOCCCCA
4971	TCAGAGTTTT	TAAGGATAAC	TTACTCTCTA	GGGGGCCAGT	CACTTCCACA	TCAAACCCTA	CCCACTCCAA
5041	GGTGTCCTTT	TGCGCCGAGT	CAGTTCCTCC	GTGGGGGGCCA	CAAGATCGGA	TCACCCACTT	TATCAATCCC
5111	GGGGTGCCAG	CTGATCCATG	GAGTGCAGGG	TCTGCAAAAT	ATCTCAACCA	CTGATTGATC	TTACCTTTTA
5181	CAATAGTGAT	GTTACCCCAG	GAACAATTTG	GGGAAGGTCA	GAATCTTGTA	CCCTCTACCT	CCATCACTCC
5251	TAAACCATAA	TTTCTTTTTT	GTTTTTTTT	TTTTATTTT	GAGACAGGGT	CTCACTCTCT	CACCTACCCC
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5391	CGCCCTATAG	TGAGTCGTAT	TACAATTCAC	TGGCCGTCGT	TTTACAACGT	CCTCACTCCC	AAAACCCTCC
5461	CGTTACCCAA	CTTAATCGCC	TTGCAGCACA	TCCCCCTTTC	GCCAGCTGGC	GTAATAGCGA	ACACCCCCC
5531	ACCGATCGCC	CTTCCCAACA	GTTGCGCAGC	CTGAATGGCG	AATGGCGCGA	AATTGTAAAC	ር ፕፕልልፕልፕፕፕ
5601	TGTTAAAATT	CGCGTTAAAT	TTTTGTTAAA	TCAGCTCATT	TTTTAACCAA	TAGGCCGAAA	TCGGCAAAAT
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5811	CATCACCCTA	ATCAAGTTTT	TTGGGGTCGA	GGTGCCGTAA	AGCACTAAAT	CGGAACCCTA	AAGGGAGCCC
5881	CCGATTTAGA	GCTTGACGGG	GAAAGCCGGC	GAACGTGGCG	AGAAAGGAAG	GGAAGAAAGC	GAAAGGAGCG

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6371	GCACTTTTAA	AGTTCTGCTA	TGTGGCGCGG	TATTATCCCG	TATTGACGCC	GGGCAAGAGC	AACTCGGTCG
6441	CCGCATACAC	TATTCTCAGA	ATGACTTGGT	TGAGTACTCA	CCAGTCACAG	AAAAGCATCT	TACGGATGGC
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6581	CAACGATCGG	AGGACCGAAG	GAGCTAACCG	CTTTTTTGCA	CAACATGGGG	GATCATGTAA	CTCGCCTTGA
6651	TCGTTGGGAA	CCGGAGCTGA	ATGAAGCCAT	ACCAAACGAC	GAGCGTGACA	CCACGATGCC	TGTAGCAATG
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6861	TAAATCTGGA	GCCGGTGAGC	GTGGGTCTCG	CGGTATCATT	GCAGCACTGG	GGCCAGATGG	TAAGCCCTCC
6931	CGTATCGTAG	TTATCTACAC	GACGGGGAGT	CAGGCAACTA	TGGATGAACG	AAATAGACAG	ATCGCTGAGA
7001	TAGGTGCCTC	ACTGATTAAG	CATTGGTAAC	TGTCAGACCA	AGTTTACTCA	TATATACTTT	AGATTGATTT
7071	AAAACTTCAT	TTTTAATTTA	AAAGGATCTA	GGTGAAGATC	CTTTTTGATA	ACTTCATGAC	CAAAATCCCT
7141	TAACGTGAGT	TTTCGTTCCA	CTGAGCGTCA	GACCCCGTAG	AAAAGATCAA	AGGATCTTCT	TGAGATCCTT
7211		CGTAATCTGC	TGCTTGCAAA	CAAAAAAACC	ACCGCTACCA	GCGGTGGTTT	GTTTGCCGGA
7281	TCAAGAGCTA	CCAACTCTTT	TTCCGAAGGT	AACTGGCTTC	AGCAGAGCGC	AGATACCAAA	TACTGTCCTT
7351	CTAGTGTAGC	CGTAGTTAGG	CCACCACTTC	AAGAACTCTG	TAGCACCGCC	TACATACCTC	GCTCTGCTAA
7421	TCCTGTTACC	AGTGGCTGCT	GCCAGTGGCG	ATAAGTCGTG	TCTTACCGGG	TTGGACTCAA	GACGATAGTT
7491	ACCGGATAAG	GCGCAGCGGT	CGGGCTGAAC	GGGGGGTTCG	TGCACACAGC	CCAGCTTGGA	GCGAACGACC
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7631	ACAGGTATCC	GGTAAGCGGC	AGGGTCGGAA	CAGGAGAGCG	CACGAGGGAG	CTTCCAGGGG	GAAACGCCTG
7701			GGTTTCGCCA				
7771			CGCCAGCAAC				
7841		CTTTCCTGCG		ATTCTGTGGA			
7911	TACCGCTCGC	CGCAGCCGAA	CGACCGAGCG	CAGCGAGTCA	GTGAGCGAGG	AAGCGGAAGA	GCGCCCAATA
7981	CGCAAACCGC	CTCTCCCCGC	GCGTTGGCCG	ATTCATTAAT	GCAGCTGGCA	CGACAGGTTT	CCCGACTGGA
8051			GCAATTAATG				
8121	TATGCTTCCG			TGTGAGCGGA			
8191	CATGATTACG		AATTAACCCT				
8261			GAGGCTGCCC				
8331			CAGCCAAGGT				
8401	AAGAGACCAG		GGTTTATCAC				
8471	ACATTGCACC		TCAGCCTCAC				
8541	GATTCACAAT		TCTACTGTGC				
8611			GGGTTCAGTA				
8681			CCTCAGTTGG				
8751			GCCGCCCTCC				
8821			TCCTTGGTGT			CTTCCAGCCA	TCCACCTGAT
8891	GAACAGAACC	TAGGGAAAGC	CCCAGTTCTA	CTTACACCAG	GAAAGGC		

1	TGGAAGGGCT	AATTTGGTCC	CAAAAAAGAC	AAGAGATCCT	TGATCTGTGG	ATCTACCACA	CACAAGGCTA
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FIG. 11

1191	AGTGCAGAAC	ATCCAGGGGC	AAATGGTACA	TCAGGCCATA	TCACCTAGAA	CTTTAAACGA	TAAGCTTGGG
1261	AGTTCCGCGT	TACATAACTT	ACGGTAAATG	GCCGCCTGG	CTGACCGCCC	AACGACCCCC	GCCCATTGAC
1331	GTCAATAATG	ACGTATGTTC	CCATAGTAAC	GCCAATAGGG	ACTITCCATT	GACGTCAATG	GGTGGAGTAT
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1471	ATGACGGTAA	ATGGCCCGCC	TGGCATTATG	CCCAGTACAT	GACCTTATGG	GACTTTCCTA	CTTGGCAGTA
L541	CATCTACGTA	TTAGTCATCG	CTATTACCAT	GGTGATGCGG	TTTTGGCAGT	ACATCAATGG	GCGTGGATAG
1611	CGGTTTGACT	CACGGGGATT	TCCAAGTCTC	CACCCCATTG	ACGTCAATGG	GAGTTTGTTT	TGGCACCAAA
1681	ATCAACGGGA	CTTTCCAAAA	TGTCGTAACA	ACTCCGCCCC	ATTGACGCAA	ATGGGCGGTA	GGCGTGTACG
L751	GTGGGAGGTC	TATATAAGCA	GAGCTCGTTT	AGTGAACCGT	CAGATCGCCT	GGAGACGCCA	TCCACGCTGT
1821	TTTGACCTCC	ATAGAAGACA	CCGACTCTAG	AGgatccATC	TAAGTAAGCT	TGGCATTCCG	GTACTGTTGG
1891	TAAAATGGAA	GACGCCAAAA	ACATAAAGAA	AGGCCCGGCG	CCATTCTATC	CTCTAGAGGA	TGGAACCGCT
1961		TGCATAAGGC					
2031		GAACATCACG					
2101	ATATGGGCTG	AATACAAATC	ACAGAATCGT	CGTATGCAGT	GAAAACTCTC	TTCAATTCTT	TATGCCGGTG
2171	TTGGGCGCGT	TATTTATCGG	AGTTGCAGTT	GCGCCCGCGA	ACGACATTTA	TAATGAACGT	GAATTGCTCA
2241	ACAGTATGAA	CATTTCGCAG	CCTACCGTAG	TGTTTGTTTC	CAAAAAGGGG	TTGCAAAAA	TTTTGAACGI
2311	GCAAAAAAA	TTACCAATAA	TCCAGAAAAT	TATTATCATG	GATTCTAAAA	CGGATTACCA	GGGATTTCAG
2381	TCGATGTACA	CGTTCGTCAC	ATCTCATCTA	CCTCCCGGTT	TTAATGAATA	CGATTTTGTA	CCAGAGTCCT

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521	CCTTCCGCAT	AGAACTGCCT	GCGTCAGATT	CTCGCATGCC	AGAGATCCTA	TTTTTGGCAA	TCAAATCATT
591	CCGGATACTG	CGATTTTAAG	TGTTGTTCCA	TTCCATCACG	GTTTTGGAAT	GTTTACTACA	CTCGGATATT
661	TGATATGTGG	ATTTCGAGTC	GTCTTAATGT	ATAGATTTGA	AGAAGAGCTG	TTTTTACGAT	CCCTTCAGGA
731	TTACAAAATT	CAAAGTGCGT	TGCTAGTACC	AACCCTATTT	TCATTCTTCG	CCAAAAGCAG	TCTGATTGAC
801	AAATACGATT	TATCTAATTT	ACACGAAATT	GCTTCTGGGG	GCGCACCTCT	TTCGAAAGAA	GTCGGGGAAG
871	CGGTTGCAAA	ACGCTTCCAT	CTTCCAGGGA	TACGACAAGG	ATATGGGCTC	ACTGAGACTA	CATCAGCTAT
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011	GTTGTGGATC	TGGATACCGG	GAAAACGCTG	GGCGTTAATC	AGAGAGGCGA	ATTATGTGTC	AGAGGACCTA
081	TGATTATGTC	CGGTTATGTA	AACAATCCGG	AAGCGACCAA	CGCCTTGATT	GACAAGGATG	GATGGCTACA
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221	AAATACAAAG	GATATCAGGT	GGCCCCCGCT	Cla GAATTGGAAT	aI (3259) CGATATTGTT	ACAACACCCC	AACATCTTCG
291	ACGCGGGCGT	GGCAGGTCTT	CCCGACGATG	ACGCCGGTGA	ACTTCCCGCC	GCCGTTGTTG	TTTTGGAGCA
361	CGGAAAGACG	ATGACGGAAA	AAGAGATCGT	GGATTACGTC	GCCAGTCAAG	TAACAACCGC	GAAAAGTTG
431	CGCGGAGGAG	TTGTGTTTGT	GGACGAAGTA	CCGAAAGGTC	TTACCGGAAA	ACTCGACGCA	AGAAAATCA
501	GAGAGATCCT	CATAAAGGCC	AAGAAGGGCG	GAAAGTCCAA	Xho: ATTGTAAcTC	Apal I (3548) GAGGGGGGC	KpnI(3563)
571	TAAGACCAAT	GACTTACAAG	GCAGCTGTAG	ATCTTAGCCA	CTTTTTAAAA	GAAAAGGGGG	GACTGGAAGG

3641	GCTAATTCAC	TCCCAAAGAA	GACAAGATAT	CCTTGATCTG	TGGATCTACC	ACACACAAGG	CTACTTCCCT
3711	GATTGGCAGA	ACTACACACC	AGGGCCAGGG	GTCAGATATC	CACTGACCTT	TGGATGGTGC	TACAAGCTAG
3781	TACCAGTTGA	GCCAGATAAG	GTAGAAGAGG	CCAATAAAGG	AGAGAACACC	AGCTTGTTAC	ACCCTGTGAG
3851	CCTGCATGGA	ATGGATGACC	CTGAGAGAGA	AGTGTTAGAG	TGGAGGTTTG	ACAGCCGCCT	AGCATTTCAT
3921	CACGTGGCCC	GAGAGCTGCA	TCCGGAGTAC	TTCAAGAACT	GCTGACATCG	AGCTTGCTAC	AAGGGACTTT
3991	CCGCTGGGGA	CTTTCCAGGG	AGGCGTGGCC	TGGGCGGGAC	TGGGGAGTGG	CGAGCCCTCA	GATGCTGCAT
4061	ATAAGCAGCT	GCTTTTTGCC	TGTACTGGGT	CTCTCTGGTT	AGACCAGATC	TGAGCCTGGG	AGCTCTCTGG
4131	CTAACTAGGG	AACCCACTGC	TTAAGCCTCA	ATAAAGCTTG	CCTTGAGTGC	TTCAAGTAGT	GTGTGCCCGT
4201	CTGTTGTGTG	ACTCTGGTAA	CTAGAGATCC	CTCAGACCCT	TTTAGTCAGT	GTGGAAAATC	TCTAGCACCC
4271	CCCAGGAGGT	AGAGGTTGCA	GTGAGCCAAG	ATCGCGCCAC	TGCATTCCAG	CCTGGGCAAG	AAAACAAGAC
4341				ATTAAATATA			
4411	ATTTGGGCTG	GGCGCAGTGG	CTCACACCTG	CGCCCGGCCC	TTTGGGAGGC	CGAGGCAGGT	GGATCACCTG
4481	AGTTTGGGAG	TTCCAGACCA	GCCTGACCAA	CATGGAGAAA	CCCCTTCTCT	GTGTATTTTT	AGTAGATTTT
4551	ATTTTATGTG	TATTTTATTC	ACAGGTATTT	CTGGAAAACT	GAAACTGTTT	TTCCTCTACT	CTGATACCAC
4621	AAGAATCATC	AGCACAGAGG	AAGACTTCTG	TGATCAAATG	TGGTGGGAGA	GGGAGGTTTT	CACCAGCACA
4691	TGAGCAGTCA	GTTCTGCCGC	AGACTCGGCG	GGTGTCCTTC	GGTTCAGTTC	CAACACCGCC	TGCCTGGAGA
4761	GAGGTCAGAC	CACAGGGTGA	GGGCTCAGTC	CCCAAGACAT	AAACACCCAA	GACATAAACA	CCCAACAGGT
4831	CCACCCCGCC	TGCTGCCCAG	GCAGAGCCGA	TTCACCAAGA	CGGGAATTAG	GATAGAGAAA	GAGTAAGTCA
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5321	CCACTCCACT	GCTCCAATCA	CACCTCACTC	CAGCCCCTAG	ACCECCECC	ACCECECTEC	ACCTCCAATT
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5461	CGTTACCCAA	CTTAATCGCC	TTGCAGCACA	TCCCCCTTTC	GCCAGCTGGC	GTAATAGCGA	AGAGGCCCGC
5531	ACCGATCGCC	CTTCCCAACA	GTTGCGCAGC	CTGAATGGCG	AATGGCGCGA	AATTGTAAAC	GTTAATATTT
5601	TGTTAAAATT	CGCGTTAAAT	TTTTGTTAAA	TCAGCTCATT	TTTTAACCAA	TAGGCCGAAA	TCGGCAAAAT
5671	CCCTTATAAA	TCAAAAGAAT	AGACCGAGAT	AGGGTTGAGT	GTTGTTCCAG	TTTGGAACAA	GAGTCCACTA
5741	TTAAAGAACG	TGGACTCCAA	CGTCAAAGGG	CGAAAAACCG	TCTATCAGGG	CGATGGCCCA	CTACGTGAAC
5811	CATCACCCTA	ATCAAGTTTT	TTGGGGTCGA	GGTGCCGTAA	AGCACTAAAT	CGGAACCCTA	AAGGGAGCCC
5881	CCGATTTAGA	GCTTGACGGG	GAAAGCCGGC	GAACGTGGCG	AGAAAGGAAG	GGAAGAAAGC	GAAAGGAGCG
5951	GGCGCTAGGG	CGCTGGCAAG	TGTAGCGGTC	ACCCTGCGCG	TAACCACCAC	ACCCGCCGCG	CTTAATGCGC
	CGCTACAGGG	CGCGTCCCAG	GTGGCACTTT	TCGGGGAAAT	GTGCGCGGAA	CCCCTATTTG	TTTATTTTTC
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6161	GGAAGAGTAT	GAGTATTCAA	CATTTCCGTG	TCGCCCTTAT	TCCCTTTTTT	GCGGCATTTT	GCCTTCCTGT
6231	TTTTGCTCAC	CCAGAAACGC	TGGTGAAAGT	AAAAGATGCT	GAAGATCAGT		AGTGGGTTAC
6301	ATCGAACTGG		CGGTAAGATC	CTTGAGAGTT	TTCGCCCCGA		CCAATGATGA
6371	GCACTTTTAA		TGTGGCGCGG		TATTGACGCC	GGGCAAGAGC	AACTCGGTCG
6441	CCGCATACAC		ATGACTTGGT	TGAGTACTCA	CCAGTCACAG	AAAAGCATCT	TACGGATGGC
6511	ATGACAGTAA			ATAACCATGA	GTGATAACAC	TGCGGCCAAC	TTACTTCTGA
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6651	TCGTTGGGAA	CCGGAGCTGA	ATGAAGCCAT	ACCAAACGAC	GAGCGTGACA	CCACGATGCC	TGTAGCAATG
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6861	TAAATCTGGA	GCCGGTGAGC	GTGGGTCTCG		GCAGCACTGG		TAAGCCCTCC
6931	CGTATCGTAG	TTATCTACAC			TGGATGAACG		ATCGCTGAGA
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7071	AAAACTTCAT	ATTTAATTTT			CTTTTTGATA		CAAAATCCCT
7141	TAACGTGAGT	TTTCGTTCCA			AAAAGATCAA		TGAGATCCTT
7211	TTTTTCTGCG	CGTAATCTGC	TGCTTGCAAA	CAAAAAAACC	ACCGCTACCA	GCGGTGGTTT	GTTTGCCGGA
7281	TCAAGAGCTA			AACTGGCTTC	AGCAGAGCGC	AGATACCAAA	TACTGTCCTT
7351	CTAGTGTAGC	CGTAGTTAGG		AAGAACTCTG	TAGCACCGCC	TACATACCTC	GCTCTGCTAA
7421	TCCTGTTACC	AGTGGCTGCT	GCCAGTGGCG	ATAAGTCGTG	TCTTACCGGG	TTGGACTCAA	GACGATAGTT
7491	ACCGGATAAG	GCGCAGCGGT	CGGGCTGAAC	GGGGGGTTCG	TGCACACAGC	CCAGCTTGGA	GCGAACGACC
7561	TACACCGAAC	TGAGATACCT			GCGCCACGCT	TCCCGAAGGG	AGAAAGGCGG
7631	ACAGGTATCC	GGTAAGCGGC			CACGAGGGAG	CTTCCAGGGG	GAAACGCCTG
7701	GTATCTTTAT	AGTCCTGTCG	GGTTTCGCCA		GAGCGTCGAT	TTTTGTGATG	CTCGTCAGGG
7771	GGGCGGAGCC	TATGGAAAAA		GCGGCCTTTT	TACGGTTCCT	GGCCTTTTGC	TGGCCTTTTG
7841	CTCACATGTT	CTTTCCTGCG		ATTCTGTGGA			AGTGAGCTGA
7911	TACCGCTCGC	CGCAGCCGAA			GTGAGCGAGG		GCGCCCAATA
7981	CGCAAACCGC	CTCTCCCCGC			GCAGCTGGCA		CCCGACTGGA
8051	AAGCGGGCAG	TGAGCGCAAC	GCAATTAATG		CACTCATTAG		CTTTACACTT
8121	TATGCTTCCG	GCTCGTATGT	TGTGTGGAAT	TGTGAGCGGA		ACACAGGAAA	
8191	CATGATTACG		AATTAACCCT		AACAAAAGCT	GCTGCAGGGT	CCCTAACTGC
8261	CAAGCCCCAC		GAGGCTGCCC		GCGGCTGCCC	CCACTCGGCT	TTGCTTTCCC
8331	TAGTTTCAGT	TACTTGCGTT			GTGCGCACAG		
8401	AAGAGACCAG	CTTTACAGGG		AGTGCACCCT			GGGGTTTATC
8471	ACATTGCACC	CTGACAGTCG	TCAGCCTCAC	AGGGGGTTTA			CATTCCATTT
8541	GATTCACAAT	TTTTTTAGTC			AGTTAAATTT		GTGTTCCCAG
8611	AGGGGAAAAC				TCAGGCCTCC		TGGAATGTGT
8681	CCCCCGAGGG				GTCACAGTGA		
8751	TCCCAAGGCT				GGCCGGAGGA		CGGAGGTGCA
8821	AGCACACCTG	CGCATCAGAG			ACCAGCGCAG	CTTCCAGCCA	TCCACCTGAT
8891	GAACAGAACC	TAGGGAAAGC	CCCAGTTCTA	CTTACACCAG	GAAAGGC		

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BC/HXB2	
BC/NL43	
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mBCwCN frag	
m2BCwCN frag	
BC/HXB2	
BC/NL43	
#51	
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mBCwCN frag	
m2BCwCN frag	
BC/HXB2	
BC/NL43	AA
#101	TARGUEGGG ACARTAGAT CG

FIG. 12

Gag production from the Rev-Independent gag-pol HIV-1 vector pCMVBNkan

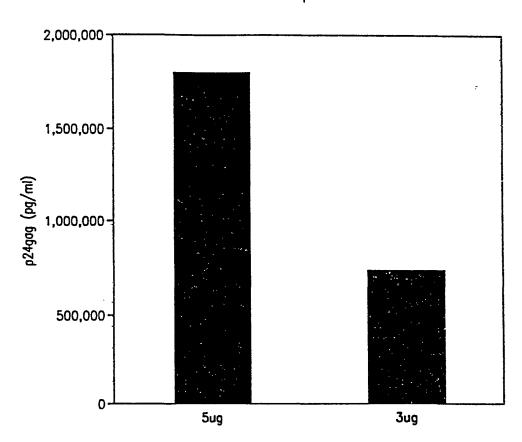


FIG. 13

Reverse transcriptase activity from the Rev-Independent gag-pol HIV-1 vector pCMVBNkan

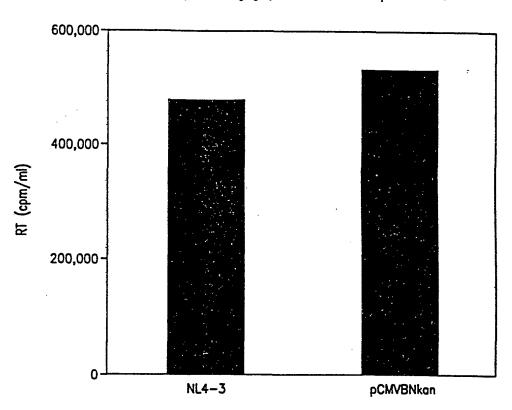


FIG. 14

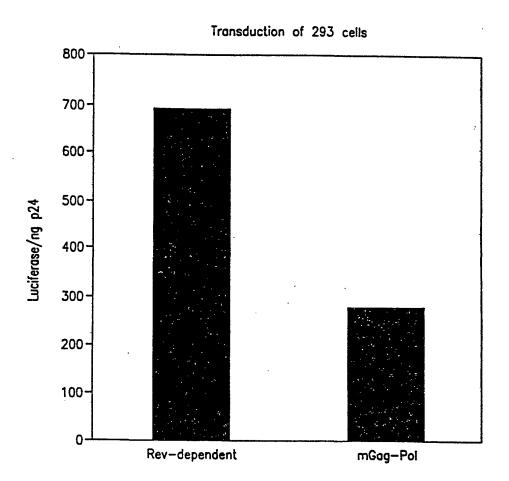


FIG. 15A

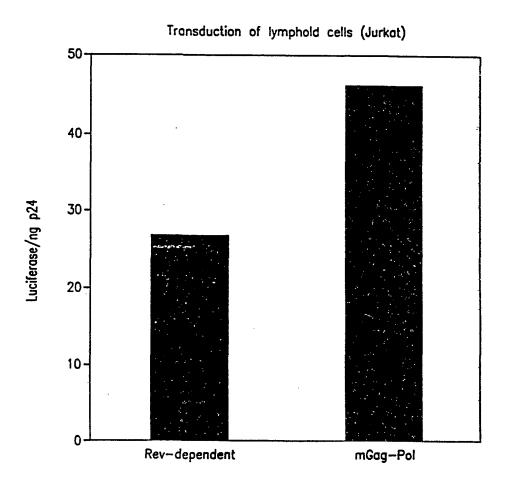


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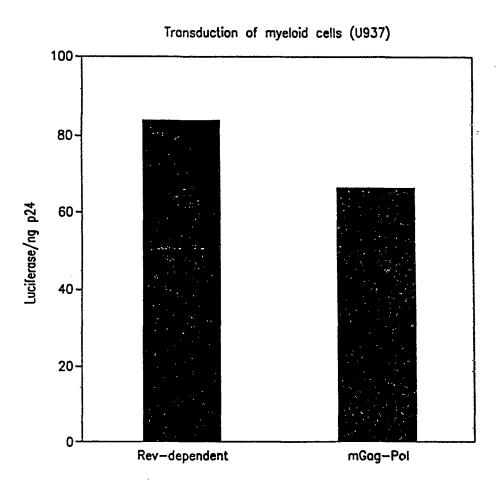


FIG. 15C

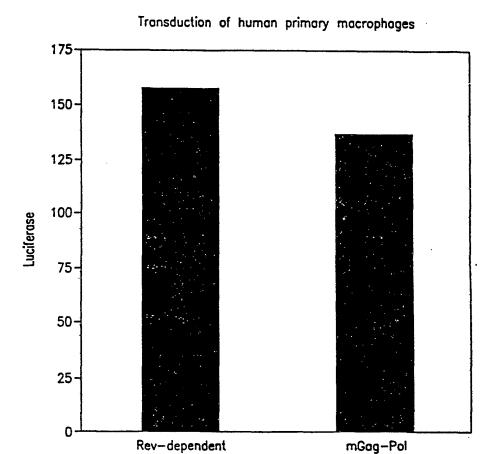


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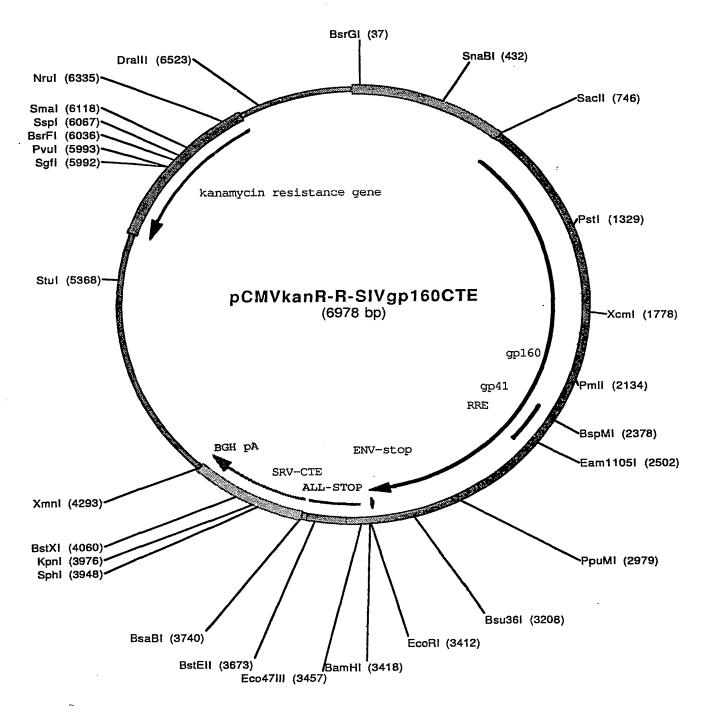


FIG. 16

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- 641 GGAGGTCTATATAAGCAGAGCTCGTTTAGTGAACCGTCAGATCGCCTGGAGACGCCATCCACGCTGTTTTGACCTCCATA
 - Sacil (746)
- 721 GAAGACACCGGGACCGATCCAGCCTCCGCGGGCCGCGCTAAGTATGGGATGTCTTGGGAATCAGCTGCTTATCGCCATCT

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